

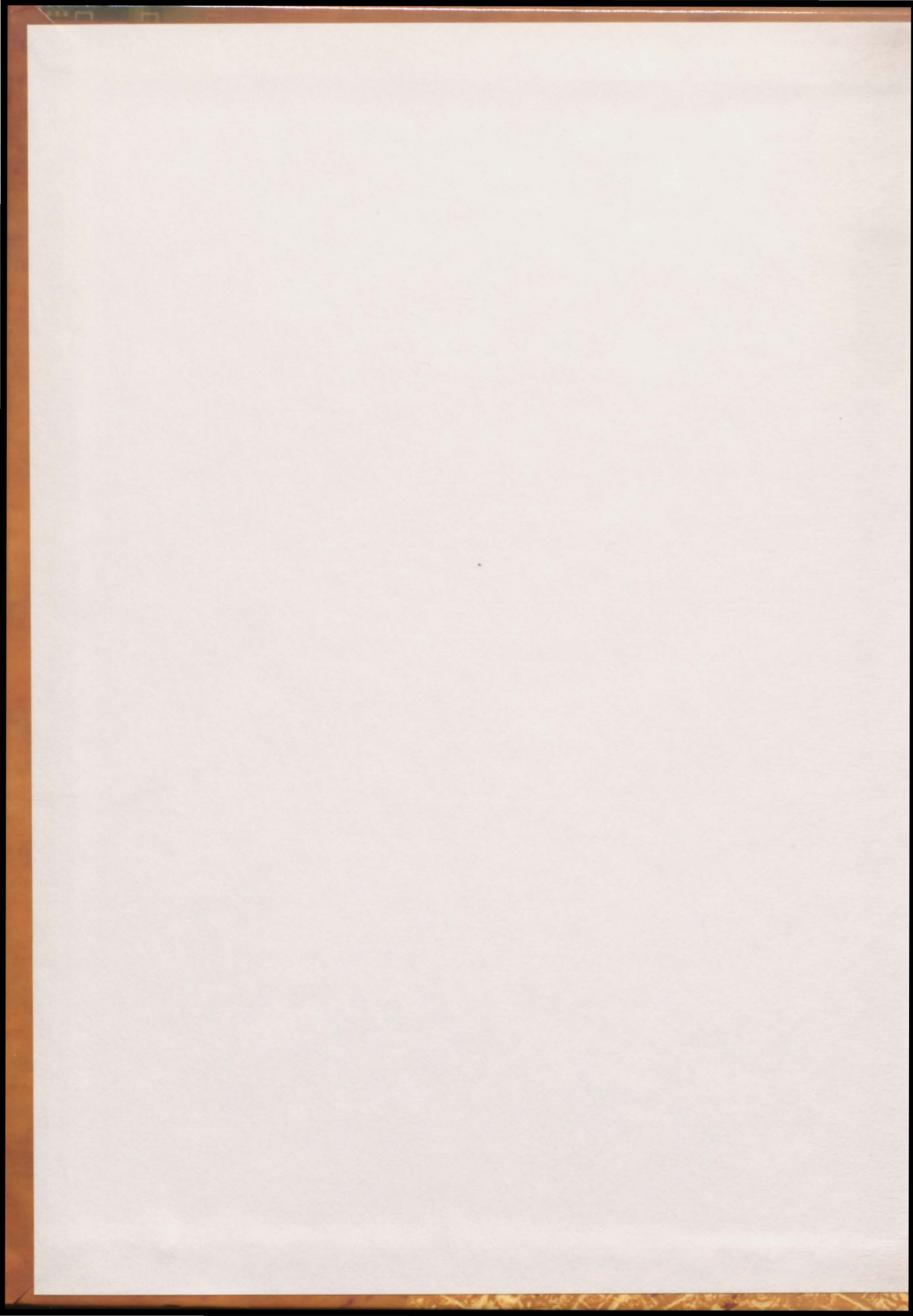
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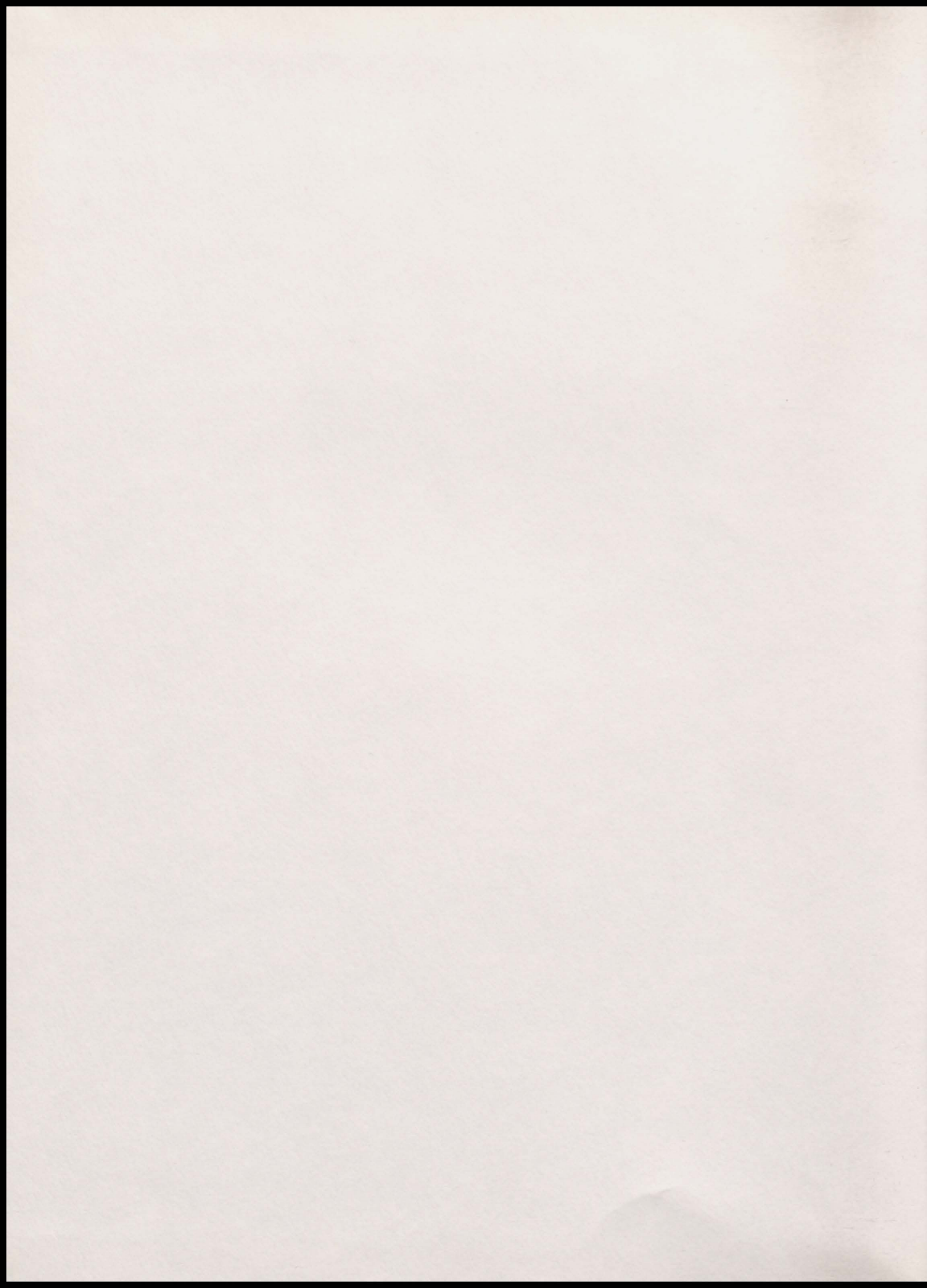
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Clockwise from top:
Robert Pincay, Joshua
Reyes, Phillip McKinney,
Mercedes Padilla, and Ana
Maria Cardenas

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6 faculty

Teachers are the guides we look to when choosing which roads to follow

The celebrity day performance by Minerva Abreu was generally well received by the student body.



12 classes

Underclassmen will attempt to carry on the legacy of the class of 2002

24 events

Arts High has a whirlpool of clubs and activities.



The student body tries to cope with the catastrophic events of September 11th.

40 sports

The players spend many hours improving their ability and uniting together to play as a team.

Tough test and challenging courses are graciously received by senior Ashley Conte.



62 seniors

We have the will to succeed, and we control our future.

124 finale

The Class of 2002 would like to thank all patrons

For many years the *Vignette*, the official yearbook of Arts High graduating class, has served as both a memento to the seniors and permanent record of the successes and defeats of the whole school in the field of sports, extracurricular activities, and creative efforts.

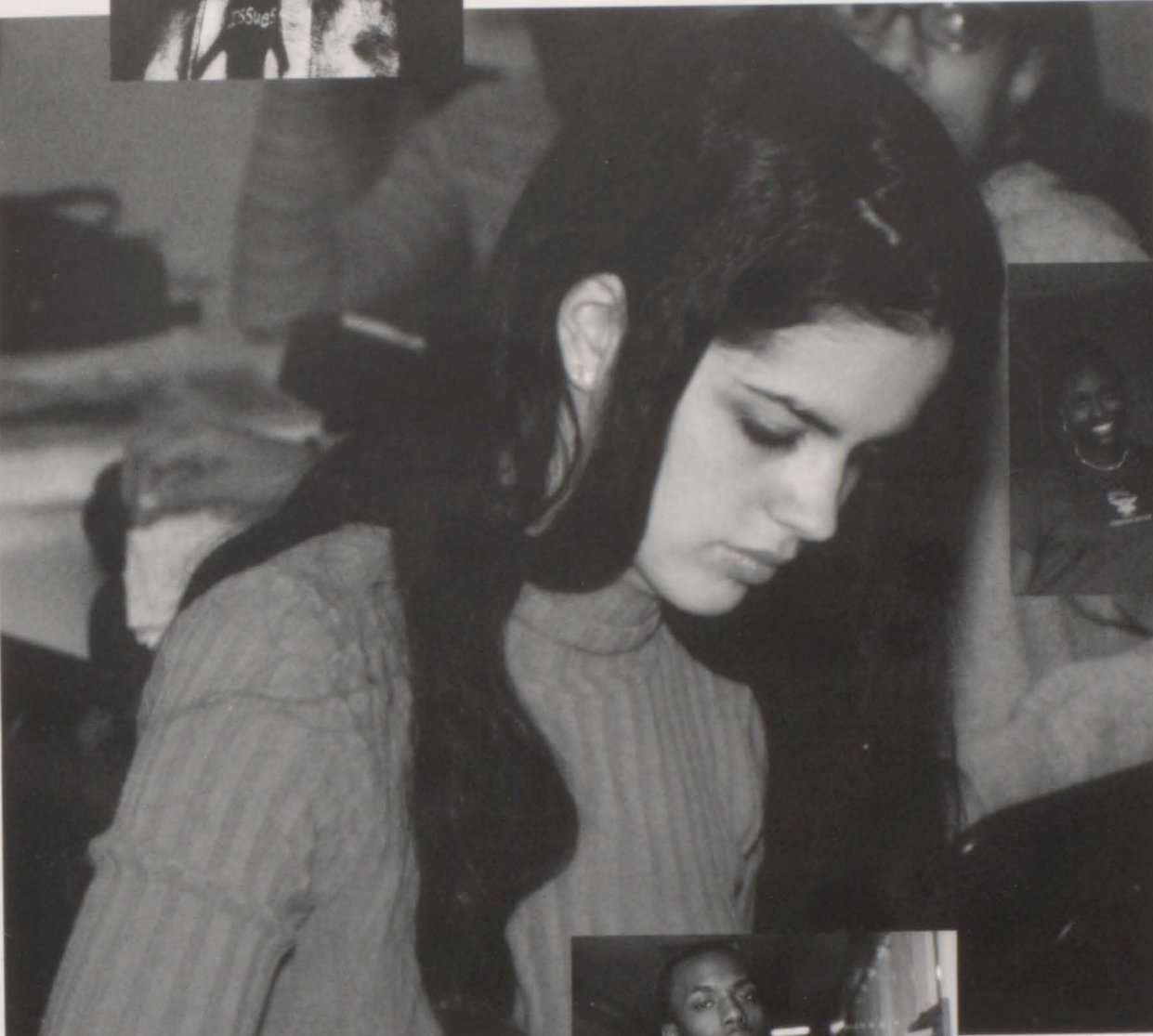
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think

The mischievous Johnathan Hoffman is contemplating his next adventure.



dream

These seniors have their eyes on the prize: Catia Santos, Jalila Brunson, Crystal Frye, Toccara Labady.

excitement

These partygoers, Rajohn Bell and Creasha Bowman take a few moments to pose for a picture.



Jayro Rosado



Onel Lopez



Corinthia and China



Billy Correa

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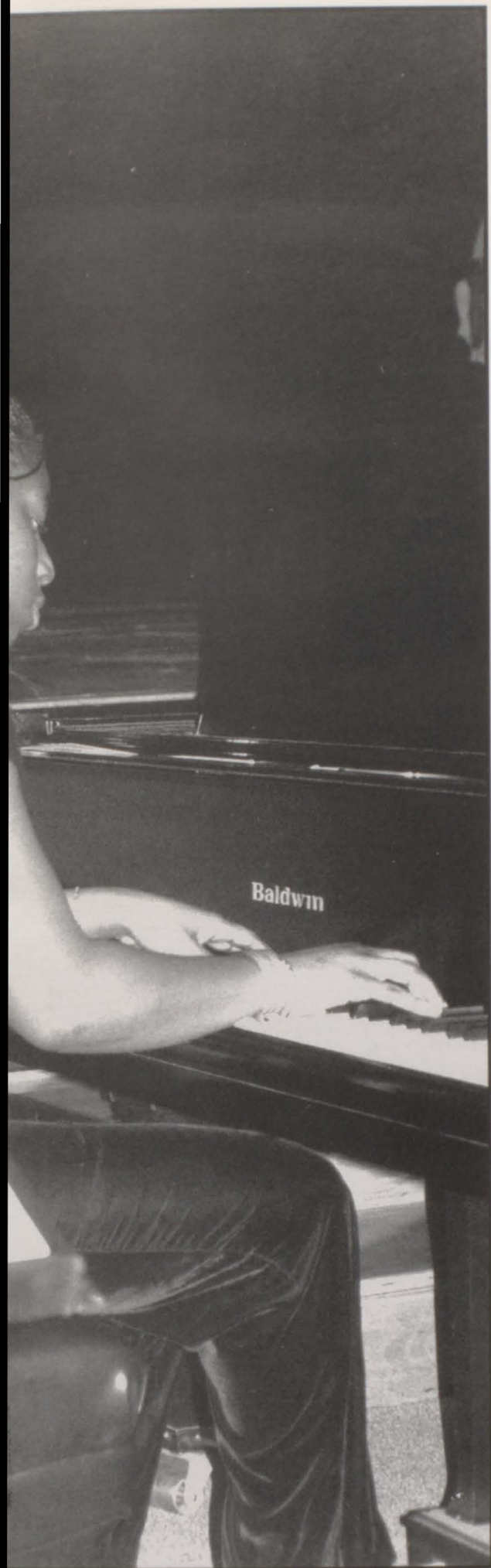


Cecilia Jurado

A glance at perfection presents itself this senior year after searching for four years for what we already had from the first day. And then you see imperfection: the friends, the silent halls at the end of the day, the meals you shared, even with the people you never imagined you would meet. In a matter of months and days all school events will have vanished, remaining in memories. You cannot touch the memories, yet hold the sacred treasures and mementos stored away; boxes stored, colorful and plentiful, in the innermost chambers of your heart.

Still, you knew that you would have to leave all the beautiful things a person your age devours. You would begin a new journey where what you considered perfection will be replaced by new ideals. And then you will remember the sports you played and all the times you won. You think of the people you walked with for four years and even all those people you did not allow yourself to meet. Perhaps you will even remember the heartfelt stories, told only to you, never to be repeated to anyone else. You'll remember how you once had "perfection" and could not see all you ever wanted had been right there beside you all along.





Top: Phillip McKinney looks over arrangement. **Middle:** Keasam Johnson, Jamila Jordan, Malik Burnett, Mariell Buquet, and Lance Richardson. **Bottom:** Antonio Moscone and Mark Clark drawing from observation. **Left:** Vanessa Charles plays for the student body.



Teachers are the guides we look to when choosing which roads to follow. Through our learning and experimentation, we began to discover our individual identities. When goals were placed within our reach, we repeatedly rose to the challenge and frequently surpassed the expectations. As we endured this year, we began to develop and grow, confronting challenges with confidence and creativity.

Faculty



ADMINISTRATION

Congratulations to the class of 2002. You have impacted on me greatly. This is one of the most talented classes I have had the pleasure of watching grow and improve. During your four-year tenure, you have been exposed to opportunities that have widened your scopes and maturation. I've been very proud of our association.

With maturity comes responsibility. You possess great gifts and you, and only you are responsible for honoring and perfecting those gifts. You are now in a position to make decisions for yourselves. My expectations are, that those decisions you make are not only wise but prudent. I have watched you meet standards that you may not have thought you could master... but you did. Higher standards should be sought with each level of accomplishment.

My wishes for the graduates in the year 2002 are for health, success, and happiness. You are capable of great things and I expect no less. Arts High School is a unique experience and may you make us, your families and yourselves proud.

Love,
Eleta J. Caldwell
Principal



Above: Ms. Caldwell always makes time for her students. Here she is with senior Corinthia Andrade.



Right: Ms. Caldwell sets a clear example of dedication. She graduated and taught at Arts High School before becoming our principal.



As you enter the next phase of your life, it is vital that you recall and benefit from the experiences of your past as you make choices for your future and others may still be exploring the possibilities available. Make decisions that will allow you to utilize your talent whether it is manifested on a canvas, through the sound of a clarinet, a portrayal of a character on stage or a winning shot on the basketball court. Be flexible in adjusting to the events that occur in your life that you have no control over but never allow them to dissuade you from reaching your goals. Be aware that no decision is final and that you possess the ability and strength to overcome any obstacle. Maintain a sense of humor in your life and you will always be able to deal with the challenges of living.

One of the major choices you made in your life occurred four short years ago when you made the decision to become a member of the Arts High School Class of 2002. This experience has allowed you to develop into fine young men and women you are today. Each of you have enriched my life and given me the opportunity to share a part of yours. As the writer Robert Fulghum suggested, "Live a balanced life-learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some."

I wish each of you a life of good health, love, and laughter.

With love,
Mary J. Soriano
Vice Principal



Left: Vice principal Ms. Soriano has truly made our high school years a lot easier, by listening, cooperating, and just plain helping us to become better people. Pictured you see her explaining to some underclassmen the importance of paying attention.

FACULTY & STAFF

Strike Up the Band!

Mr. Charles Klelis directs the Colonial Symphony and the Arts High Orchestra during the Spring Instrumental concert.



One of Arts High School's special parents
"Ms. Donna Jordan, parent liaison"

A mathematician he's not

"Mr. Kyrejko displays his special cubes"



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Ms. Edith L. Battles



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Mr. Robert A. Fuller
Mr. Thomas Glen
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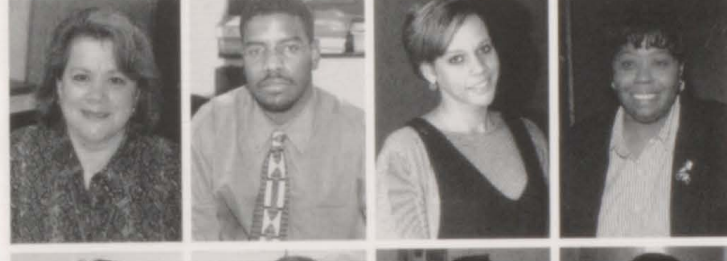
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Ms. Selina Wong



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Viola Johnson
Loretta Patterson



Plucking and Strumming the strings

"Mr. Louis Melchor doubles as a Department Chairman as well as a guitar instructor"

There's No Meat On These Bones

"Ms Chenita Hooper teaches anatomy in her biology course"



All About The Music

"Collabarating on a musical piece are pianist Mr. Robert Krueger and Phillip McKinney"



Come Dance With Me

"Choreographers Ms. Kim Richardson and Mr. Ronnie Carney prepare for their next performance."





With the beginning of this new year, our first morning as freshmen found us filing up the path toward an overwhelming future. We were not all so dramatically different at the time; after all, our separate journeys had led each of us here. We converged at a point of intersection between childhood and adulthood. Our achievements as a class were celebrated with extraordinary spirit and enthusiasm that makes the Class of '02 unique.

Underclassmen





Freshmen



Homeroom: 421 Mr. Fuller

Left to Right: Alma Davis- Reid, Jenessa James, maritza Colon, Christine Viruet, Fabian Saab, daniella Leslie, Marcel Coleman, Charlie Hayes, Almeria Holt, Avery Pankey, Arlene Dasilva, Jessica Nieves, Lanazah Murray, Roxanna Carrion.



Homeroom: 332 Ms. Lobell

Left to Right: Yeserian Florian, Tia Smith, Meldon Jones, Marvella Nelson, danesha Grier, Tanisha Elijah, Roberto Moreno, Mrs. Lobell, Slyvia Trindade, Kevin Campos, Iris Robinson, Jorge Flores, Chantel Atkins, Johnathan Dasilva, Andrew Brunner, Shatirah Rolle, Tanisha Walton, Keilly Rice, Lidelis Perez



Homeroom: 419 Mr. Comick

Left to Right: Danielle Holland, Ashley Bruton, Alfateen Jones, Ravindra Bangaroo, Javon Kelly, Sasha Leon, Kory Tumer, Nicholette Colon, Ana Colon, Jinaata Davis, Charlene Miranda, Carol Muriel, Carisa, Jozmar Garcia, Cynthia Rodriguez, Joel Wanamaker, Reginald Pittman

Homeroom 206: Ms. Johnson

Left to Right: Kinara Bruton, Mayra Pais, Gypsy Zelada, Kenneth Jarver, Julianne Gonzalez, Benjamin Alvarado, Julia Biera, Jasmine hall, Michael Johnson, Nichole Hines.



Homeroom: 149 Mr. Argul

Left to Right: Mr. Argul, Ashley Soto, Jessica Outlaw, Jalonda Deck, Treasure Moultrie, Jaquil McRae, Evelyn Castillo, Rachel Berry, Ebony Henderson, Khadijah Sumtur, Jaime Serrano, Tamika Marshall, Carlos Abade, Keilly Burgos, Valeria Viruet.



Homeroom: 326 Mr. Fazio

Left to Right: Elaun-dah, Isereal Moranes, Jimmy Fagundo, Jennifer Torres, Emma Pincay, Robert Gaier, Shanita Cullars, Sean Semelfort, Tatianna Colon, Vanessa Brown, Jean Reyes, Dorothy Moody, Silas Orr, Mr. Fazio, Evenjone Previlon, Jennifer Camacho.



Homeroom: 207 Mr. Glen

Left to Right: Naji Adbullah, Christina Jackson, Lakeishia Alston, Shani Alston., Melissa Thomson, Orlena Simpson, Celeste Perlata, Ashley Smith, Janice Delaney, Nina Cajigas, Michael Alvarez, Selena Roberts, Roberto Gonzalez, Roberta Teixeira, Michael Jerman, Edwaremar Bonilla, Gisselle Cruz.





Homeroom: 322 Mr. Fairfax

Not in order: Olga Vallederes, Steven Butler, Kendel Dempster, Ayana Stafford, Lazaro Gonzalez, Charles Bell, Nara Iroka, Christine Credde, Paul Remy, Craig Carter, James Miller, Andres Parra, Maricangelic Martinez, Camille Miller, Vanrandle Seabom.



Homeroom: Mr. Klelis

Left to Right: Elizabeth Delgado, Nakia Liles, Fiman Cooper, Crystalrose Ford, Adam Rawes, Andrew Martinez, Mr. Klelis, Wade Ray, Addrissa Anhrhah, Tiffany Johnson, Andrew Burrowers, Breanna Murphy, Chika Achebe, Jubilise Valentine, Ameena Gonzalez.



Homeroom: 232 Ms. Howard

Left to Right: Amanda Ortiz, Marion Smith, Tayeesha Ruff, Adeola Fashina, Bianca Wideman, Kieonna Risher, Chanel Mann, Michael Campbell, Shakira McCay, Johnathan Pujols, Alisha Justice, Stephanie Alvarado, Ms. Howard, Jennelly Hernandez, Aranda Majoe, Robby Rios.



Homeroom: 213 Ms. Cineus

Left to Right: Jennifer Jordan, Amani Rice, Dorthea Powell, James Booker, Tears Hall, Iyah Smith, Kou Ganett, Adivoa Nwanko, Jorge, Jermaine, Marvin Talbert, Beudalaire Alerte, Nafis Majette, Ron Carr, Noelia.



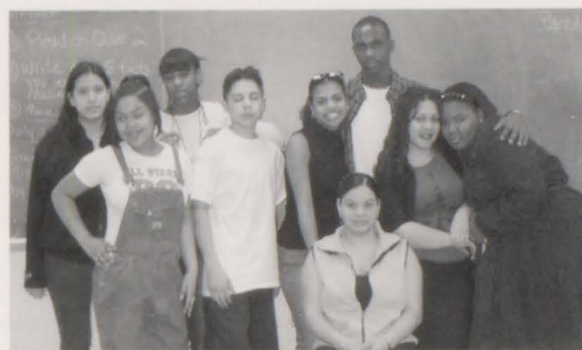
Homeroom: 208 Ms. Whitley

Left to Right: Randy Arroyabe, Michael McClain, Aquila Smith, Danielle Gaddy, Melissa Jones, Margaret Manigat, Tabita Delisca, Kelly Moise, Miss Whitley, Rayno Fabre-Juene, Michele Abreu, Lasana Henriques, Christina Ribbaw.



Homeroom: 241 Ms Goins

Left to Right: Zarita, Julissa Daniagua, Shantaya Mann, Analiss Mendez, David Vega, Aaron Barnes, Abdul Rahim-Ali, Star Cato, Ms. Goins, Nayesha, Shadae Hardgrove, Taylor, Soxia Alves, Jamal Cobbs.



Homeroom: 310 Ms. Grant

Left to Right: Priscilla De Cashro, Quadirah Barrett, Tanisha Solomon, Edwin Carpintero, Sasha Ortiz, Stephanie Romos, Joel Williams, Stephanie Merced, Lachel Hunter.



Homeroom: 413 Dr. Cutler

Left to Right: James Frazier, Charles Miller, Chauncey Roboon, Shanita Mathis, Ryan Silver, Dr. Cutler, Satyuan Narinedhat, Lashawn Johnson.

Sophomores

Juniors



Homeroom: 330 Ms. Chaudhuri

Left to Right: Michelle Andrews, Darvin Camacho, Emmanuel Campos, Nadir Choudhury, Grizel Delvalle, Chaenel Downey, Tiffany Field, Dominique Gordon, Lorraine Harvey, Fatimah Judd, Conchetta Minter, Roxana Nieto, D'Nitra Paden, Jacqueline Palaez, Takia Reid, Shanequa Robinson, Carla Rodriguez, Patrice Sinclair, Lyndon Theodille, Daaiyah Whiting, Deanna Williams.



Homeroom: 234 Ms. Sherman

Left to Right: David Ramos, Ms. Sherman, Lakeemah Manley, David Guerio, Shira Woods, Ronald Diggs, Ronald Diggs, Vaneesa Lamboy, Anna Mercedes, Laura Cole, Shantia Stanley, Saphire Johnson, Sheena Robinson, Dejohn Haverton, Michelle Armador, Brendles Feliciano, Farrah Baker.



Homeroom: 148 Dr. Forderhase

Left to Right: Tristan Davis, Jordin Augustin, Boma Moore, Ricardo Araujo, Adan Lopez, Jaqueline Rivera, Aidaliz Garcia, Jamilla Hall, Caren Hendricks, Tasha Coleman, Laquana Peterson, Terrie James.

Homeroom: 010 Ms. Brazell

Left to Right: Anisa Abdul-Bassit, Dawn Foster, Shanee Haynes, Barbara DeNose, Tanisha Tutt, Vanessa Clinton, Antoinette Rodriguez, Keith Singleton.



Homeroom: 239 Mr. Kyrejko

Left to Right: Anthony Stuke, Mr. Kyrejko, Wanda Robinson, Joanna Santiago, Diane Rebelo, Yadirah Navarro, Jeffrey Merlice, Priscilla Lamour, Emily Kathlis, Eboney Dorsey, Filipe Dancunha.



Homeroom: 215 Ms. Richardson

Left to Right: Chian Weeks, Pegan Melvin, Julian Pineda, Natrika Fears, Ydalis Roland, Kathleen DeLuna, Jasmine Johnson, Gabrielle Aviles, Edwin Gonzalez, Dominique Wilson, Danielle Watkins, Curtis Stone, Azha Robinson, Janine Delaney, Taheem Hamilton, Charlie Lambert, Mrs. Richardson.



Homeroom: 214 Ms. Brock

Left to Right: Tyquan Elijah, Pattryce Gardner, Eric Deer, Ansel Phillips, Franky Hernandez, Saleema Williams, Martine Jean-Louis, Lizandra Collazo, Stefany Velasquez, Tamika Kelly, E'toshia McFarland.





Homeroom: 409 Mr. Freire

Left to Right: Jordanson Jean, Joshua Reyes, Malik Burnett, Danielle Hill, Christopher Lighty, Jacklyn Vieira, Kareemah Clark, Ashley Conte, Adam DeOliveira, Corinthia Andrade, Elizabeth Rosa, Catia Santos, Gary Carr, Alonzo Fitch.



Homeroom: 311 Mr. Carney

Left to Right: Ndidi Onukogu, Kareem Gilbert, Toni Austin, Darselle Milfort, Diomarys Ventura, Luis Varela, Lisitte Colon, Ana Cardenas, Yakimah Singleton, Quanesia Briggs, Nahleen Taylor



Homeroom: 229 Ms. Douglin

Left to Right: Antoine Alston, Sherrod Harvey, Sakeenah Baker, Johnny Watson, Carolyn Cato, Carolyn Cato, Johnathan Hoffman, Ms. Douglin, Carolyn Milton, Stephanie Camacho, Tiffani Ratliff, Yolanda Johnson, Ayesha Davis, Phillip MKinney, Donyea Boyd, Latia Strickland, Crystal Frye



Homeroom: 205 Mr. Lopes

Left to Right: Ivan Bohorquez, Keasam Johnson, Maria Fresco, Markita Caswell, Kasim Wazeerudin, Ashley Morse, Wilmarie Rodriguez, Mariell Buquet, Soraya Marques, Ebony Hodges, Toccara Labady, Sharita Rainey, Karin Baker



Homeroom: 145 Mr. Petty

Left to Right: Mercedes Padilla, Billy Correa, Minerva Abreu, Esmerelda Nazario, Corey Freeman, Mia Appling, Peter Darius, Ruthi Thompson, Onel Olpez, DuJuan Caldwell, Davion Carmen, Megan Kabba



Homeroom: 333 Ms. Scott

Left to Right: Tiffany Lee, Jasmine Santana, Rijohn Bell, Jamila Jordan, Shacree Ferguson, Jalila Brunson, Creasha Bowman, Hussein Nassar, Zahrah Abdur-Raheem, Robert Pincay, Mark Clark II

Seniors



At Arts we work together as one, whether it be forging friendships, joining clubs or participating in school activities. New bonds are made while others may diminish. Through difficult times, we can come together and make our bonds stronger and more resilient.

Organizations





Right: Come on Maria don't be shy, show the class of '02 how talented you are! Your so cool!

Below: One of the two languages taught at Arts was Spanish. Just goes to show we don't only care about learning the English language.

Below: These music stands await for the next soon to be celebrities.



Taking The Time

by Robert Fuller

For some people school life doesn't end at 2:40. It exists for an hour or more after the bell. It maybe the Omega Jazz Ensemble, Student Council, Academic Decathlon or Speech Team that strikes a chord in an individual, but one things for sure, Arts High School offers numerous venues for after school activities.

Right: Yes these cello's were once played by the famous students of '02, we will be missed!





Video Club

Left to right: Janine Delaney, Laura Cole, Sylvia Trindade, Susan Teixeira, Ashley Soto, Roberto Moreno



Prom Committee

Left to right: Crystal Frye, Doneya Boyd, Chris Lighty, Lance Richardson, Danielle Hill, and Danielle Durant.



Stage Crew

Ms. Brazell, Peter Darius, Patrice, Diomarys Ventura, Ana, Pattryce, Kiyan Cady, Alex Hamilton, Reginald, Jackie.



Academic Decathlon

Back row: Danielle Durant, Diana Rose, Yolanda Johnson, Ashley Conte, Jamilla Jordan, DuJuan Caldwell, Zahrah Abdur-Raheem, Gary Carr, Markita Caswell, Ms. Sherman. **Front row:** Chris Lighty, Doneya Boyd, Vanessa Charles, Crystal Frye.



French Club

Left to right: Adiva Nimako, Lashawn Johnson, Carla Rodriguez, Adam DeOliveira



Research Club

Back Row: Michael Campbell, Aaron Byrd, Marvin Talbert, Wade Ray, Elizabeth Delgado, Randy Arroybe, Rahatan Murray **Bottom Row:** Paul Remy, Craig Carter, Ms. Hooper, Zainab Abdur-Raheem.



Esprit D'Arts

Left to right: Tatianna Colon, Nicolette Colon, Ms. Fascio, Camera Shy: Shaliese Lambert, Jameson Ward, Cecilia Jurado



Omega Jazz Ensemble

Left to right: Mr. Petty, Steven Butler, Mustafa Daniels, Shawn, Waymond Harding, Jordenson Jean, Kelly Moise, Christian Viruet, Nafis Majette, Ashley Morse, Myra Flores, Nicolette, Billy Correa, Esmerelda Nazario, Rijohn Bell, Meldon Jones, Antoine Alston, Julio Rivera, Michael



Vignette Yearbook Staff

Left to right: Mr. Robert A. Fuller, Jacklyn Vieira, Adam DeOliveira, Markita Caswell, Ivan Bohorquez.



Math Club

Left to right: Rahatan Murray, Renee Coachman, Danielle Watkins, Janine Dalaney, Ms. Chauduri



Latin Band

Left to right: Noel Rdriguez, Randy Arroyo, Sasha Leon, Jennifer Padilla, Madeline Lopez, Robby Rios, Ivettelis Perez, Limary DeLeon, Dave Padilla, Jamie Serrano, Nafis Majette. Advisor: Mr. Argul



Student Council

Left to right: Zahrah Abdur-Raheem, Joshua Reyes, Jean Reyes, Reginald Charlestin, Breanne Murphy, Dominique Wilson, Danielle Watkins, Tamika Kelly, (not shown) President, Jamila Jordan, Advisor: Ms. Scott



Art Honor Society

Left to Right: Ivan Bohorquez, Mr. Walerij Kyrejko, Onel Lopez, Donyea Boyd, Kyle Graham, Maria Fresco.



Speech Team

Left to right: Coach Suliman, Chancey Robinson, Malik Burnett, Keasam Johnson, Lance Richardson, R. Chardson, Alex Hamilton, Mercedes Padilla, Jessica Gonzalez, Danielle Watkins, Kiyanna Cox, Dawn Foster, Adeda Agueel, Regina Salaam, Stephanie Alvarado, Tayeesha Ruff, Chantel Ahrius



Do Something

Left to right: Nicole Hines, Ana Mercedes, Ebony Henderson, Coach DeAnna Joy Whittley, Shanita Cullars, Maricarmen Negron, Dorothy Moody, Rachel Berry



Tri-M Music Honor Society

Left to right: Madeline Lopez, Jennifer Padilla, Vanessa Charles, Ivettelis Perez, Jordenson Jean, Catia Santos, Limary DeLeon, Advisor: Mr. Argul



Close-Up

Left to right: Ms Douglin, Crystal Frye, Cristina Ribau, (not shown) Kyle Graham, Gary Carr, Adam DeOliveira, Carla Rodriguez, Zahrah Abdur-Raheem



Photography Club

Left to right: Mr. Kyrejko, Janine Dalaney, Adan Lopez, Julia Pineda, Roxana Nieto, Cecillia Jurado, Jonathan Hoffman, Laura Cole, Roberto Moreno, Dominique Wilson, Anisha Abdul



A combination of interest and enthusiasm created common bonds beyond the classroom. As an extension of education and an outlet for creativity, our extracurricular involvement fostered intellectual and spiritual growth. We learned how to work together cooperatively. This, in turn, contributed to our successful completion of the extraordinary journey through high school.

Activities





happening patriotic



"America Has Been Attacked", the headlines would say everywhere you turn, along with much of the human tranquility. The thing called "freedom" was tortured and burned out by the airplanes that crashed and melted the human safety. In our urge for human peace we found comfort in music, poetry, and dance; just like in the past, recreating and transforming sadness into unity.

It was something like having a clean sheet, to start new upon. Our "sheet" was the school gym, which had never before been used for such an event. It was something totally informal, just the way it was meant to be. Everyone was told to bring pillows to sit upon; and they did. Someone said all we needed was mud to completely recreate *Woodstock*.

In just four days musicians, artists, dancers, and poets all united and worked uniformly. They found their compliments. The singers found someone to play in the background, all in just four days. This laid force to the phrase "we work best under pressure."

Finally, after everyone settled down in the gym on September 25, 2001.

It was so heart warming to see people on the floor with their blankets, and all those who didn't have these things shared with those who did. Others sat on the bleachers, but everyone became united under one initial song. Arts High roared with happiness as if never before, there was a feeling of safety, that was injected through the music, dance, and poems, that flowed in people's veins. The performers were amazing. They all worked in unity, like a true Arts High family. In all my years here I have never seen anything like it.

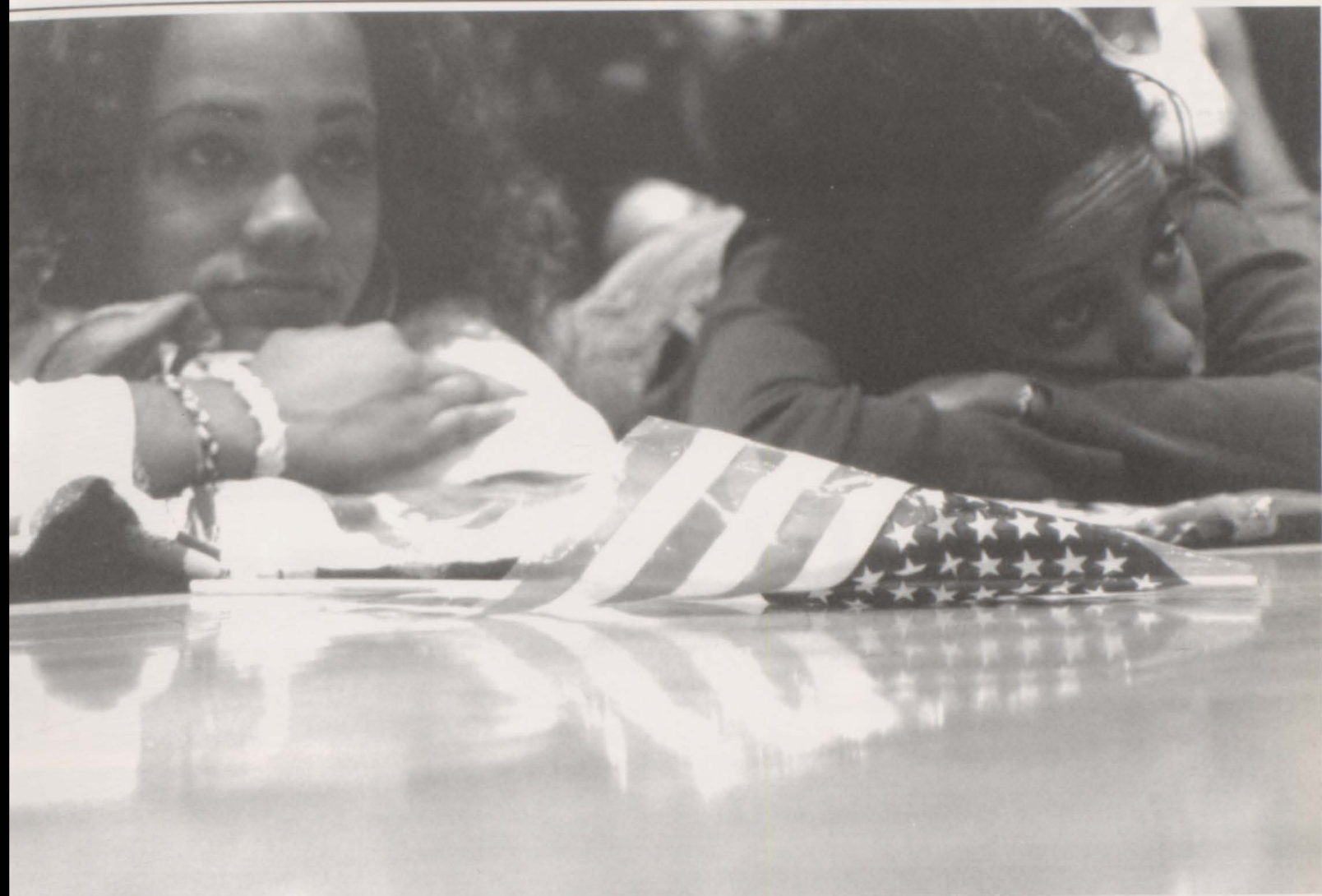
It was not patriotism, it was humanitarianism.



By: Cecilia Juardo

In a tense time, youngsters call for peace

Left: Senior Carolyn Milton listens to the poems read by some of the AHS students.



Left: Senior Joshua Reyes enticed the crowd with his special version of "The Star Spangled Banner." Josh was mentioned in The Star Ledger for his performance.

Center: Seniors Danielle Hill and Shacree Ferguson take advantage of the atmosphere of lying on the floor with their pillows and blankets.

Bottom Left: Junior dance majors were excited to choreograph a piece for the rally. They had their flags and patriotic colors on for a good cause.

Could freshman Sylvia Trindade be the prime suspect in the murder mystery?

“T his year’s halloween activity was not the traditional costume contest. There was an air of mystery surrounding the affair. The student council sponsored their first murder mystery. Among the ghouls and goblins there was a murderer. The murderer was responsible for the demise of one the faculty members. Clues and scenarios were played out throughout the day for student detectives. The students had to deduce who committed the murder, who was murdered and where they were murdered. Ms. Scott and the student council are to be commended for the unusual event.

Scary days



Left: Terrie James might as well smile for the camera because no one really knows what she is. Can you guess? Left to right: The true Mobb Squad, Ms. Richardson-The Gangsta, Senior- Corinthia Andrade, The Ninja-Unknown, and Roxana Nieto.

Very Unique and Pleasant

Left to right: Takia, Shantia, Chaenel, Pegan, and Cathleen follows Arts High's brick road as they impersonate the characters from the Wizard of Oz.



what a match

Ms. Richardson and Mr. Carney are truly a perfect match with his dusty janitor costume and her beautiful princess attire.



A Little Magic

Emily Katenis makes sure that underclassmen are not forgotten as she imitates a fairy.

Halloween will forever be a day when people can go outside themselves and let their imaginations soar. Unfortunately, the senior class of 2002 did not have the spirit this year to put on a costume, but that did not stop others from dressing up for this crazy day.

By: Markita Caswell



Below: Ms. Durr is dramatic as ever as with her antique egyptian costume.



Top Center: WOW!! What a view! This electrifying performance really got the crowd up from their seats. The senior girls shook up the show once they hit the stage. As soon as the music hit and the group entered, the latin flavor overwhelmed the audience. What a treat!

Bottom Left: (left to right) Mercedes Padilla, Lottie Martin, Elizabeth Rosa, Minerva Abreu, Lissette Colon, Jessica Gonzalez, Ms. Sherman, Limary Deleon, Esmerelda Nazario.

Bottom Right: Here we see Ivette Hernandez gracing us with her unbelievable talent. She was able to showcase her skills by performing one of her own specially written songs.



Latino Heritage

The Latino Heritage Program is an annual presentation that expresses the various cultural dances, customs, and music of our diverse student population. To enhance the various cultures, Ms. Sherman, language arts teacher, asked all majors to contribute to this multicultural expression with the hope that maybe if you can gain a better understanding of ones culture that you can profit from your findings. If you are able to benefit from your findings then it will be easy for you to appreciate why "Mi Casa es Su Casa" is so true. The students took us on a video tour of their heritage and explored the vast points of interest stretching the globe from the Salsa rhythm of Puerto Rico, the Merengue tempo of Dominican Republic, the Mambo beat of Cuba, the Punta dance of Honduras and to the xylophone chimes of Guatemala. Joshua Reyes was the program director for the last two years and he expressed the importance of continuing this annual show to form an alliance with all students under one race. Joshua spearheaded this show and the sense of pride and love for ones heritage and culture were exemplified throughout the entire show. Grizel Del Valle, assisted program director, worked extremely hard in choreographing two dance routines and next year she will direct the program. The vocal, poetry readings, and dances were magnificent and the original costumes electrified the audience. The Latin Band under the direction of Mr. Argul, instrumental teacher, played two songs that ignited the

audience and set the tone for the show. Mr. Fairfax, art teacher, orchestrated a quartet to play various backup for all the songs and dances. The finale of the show, which was sung by Jayro Rosado, delightfully brought the audience to their feet with his rendition of "Maria Maria", which was a special dedication to Ms. Sherman.



Top Right: Even though the show consisted mostly of our Art's girls, the guys were able to show us what they were really capable of. Here we see Phil, Jayro, and Josh driving the girls wild with their cover song of "Maria, Maria" by Carlos Santana.



Bottom Left and Right: Many of the students were given the opportunity represent their pride and love for their cultures. Performances ranged from hot dance routines to thrilling singing solos. Each having its own special touch that added to the excitement of the show.



Above Center: What in the world is playing for Tiffany to be doing this outrageous dance? Everyone else seems to be calm.

Bottom Left: Looks like Keasam scared away the crowd with the smell of his feet. Hey it was a good way to get the dance floor to himself.

Bottom Right: Here we see Mercedes Padilla and Jewzell Fairfax having the time of their lives. The Sock Hop was not only for teenagers but for the little ones to.



senior class holds their annual sock hop

clap your hands everybody

Argyle, cotton and nylon socks were some of the hosiery worn at the annual sock hop. This annual event was the first fund-raiser sponsored by the senior class. It was no surprise that the class of 2002 raised a sufficient amount of money at this event.

Students danced to the pulsating rhythms of club, salsa, reggae and hip-hop. DJ Antonio Moscone provided the music. Each student displayed his or her footwear, as they sashayed down the soul train line. Prizes were given to the individuals who had the most creative socks.

This event was especially exciting for the new freshmen. It was their first social event at Arts High School.



Above: "You do the Hokie Pokie and you turn yourself around, thats what the Sock Hop's all about!"



Above: This group of freshmen seem to be having so much fun, they probably can't wait for next year's event.

Left: Right here we got Dj Antonio showing off the talent he has when it comes to music.



Right: Ms. Durr and her freshmen students sell their handmade originals. Woven handbags and candles were some of the items on sale.



Above: Here we have some of Mr. Fairfax's beautiful ceramic pieces.



Above: No one seems to be interested in Mr. Kyrejko's calendars, he makes every year. Mr. K "I think it's time for a new gig."

Right: Freshmen Emma Pincay and Edward Bonilla selling mirror etchings to customers.





Below: Student shows people how a piece of ceramics is glazed.



Below: Faculty member selects a piece of ceramics from Mr. Fairfax's table.



Winter Fair

Every winter at Arts High School the students, staff and members of the community get together and throw an "annual bash" to bring in the season. This "annual bash" is known to friends and family as Winter Fair. Winter Fair gives the students of each major a chance to express themselves in different ways.



This year's Winter Fair had a large number of participants. Friends and family members of every age were delightfully entertained, and highly impressed with this year's show. The orchestra played tunes such as: "Jingle Bell Rock", "Frosty the Snow Man", "The Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah" by Handel, "March" by Marcello, and many more harmonious pieces. The Art Department added beautiful

color and warmth throughout the building with their art work. Art majors sold ceramics, mirror etchings, stained glasses, dry point etchings, glasscases, woven handbags and candles all at surprisingly reasonable prices. This year marks the last Winter Fair for the class of 2002, however, the memories will linger in our hearts. To the class of 2003 and beyond, let Winter Fair live on forever.

Right: Seniors Creasha and Jalila (right) shows some love with the underclassmen, Ebony and Jasmine (left) at this formal event.



MUSIC ,LAUGHTER, FUN AT THE

WINTER BALL

It was a dark night in winter. February, in fact. It was Friday the fifteenth. The excitement in the air was thick. It had been building for several weeks. All of our emotions, numerous phone calls, speculations, and rumors seemed to focus seemed to focus on this night. Nervous anticipation took on a whole new meaning. Finally, the time had come.

Everyone I mean everyone, was there, meeting as planned at Arts High School in Newark. The students gathered together, surprised expressions on their faces. They checked out one another, Freshman and Seniors alike. Everyone was definitely "dressed to impress."

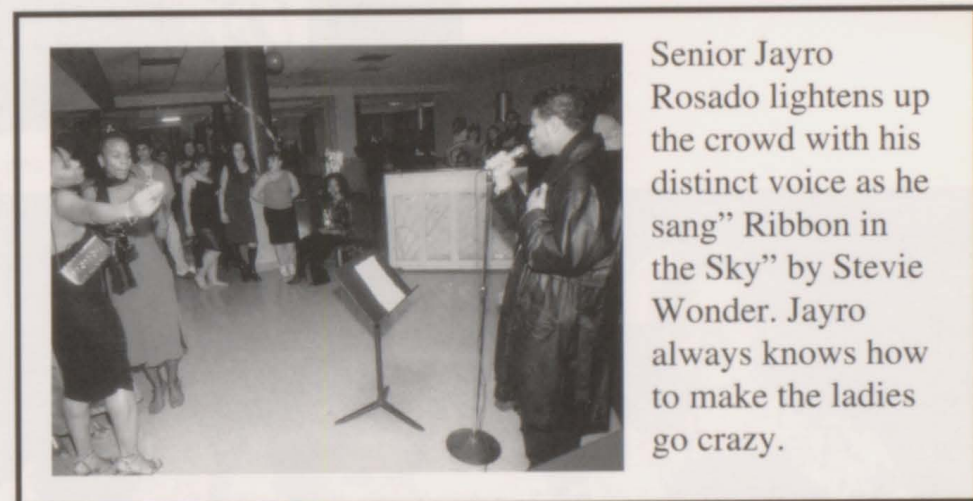
Even teachers were there looking fresh than ever!

It was Friday, February 15, 2002 and it was the night Arts High School celebrated it's Winter Ball. The students got their swerve on with the pulsating sounds of Fabolous, Ludacris, Ja-Rule and Outkast. The Harlem Shake was the dance of the evening. It was a night to remember.

Student
Council
Holds
Their
Annual
Winter
Ball

by Robert Fuller





Senior Jayro Rosado lightens up the crowd with his distinct voice as he sang "Ribbon in the Sky" by Stevie Wonder. Jayro always knows how to make the ladies go crazy.

Left: Senior Billy Correa decides to shake it up with underclassmen Crystal Cruz. **Top Left:** Juniors know how to have fun, too as they show off their dance routine. **Top Right:** Senior Ndid and Keasam try to do the salsa. **Middle:** Jacky and Hussein decide to stay low key at the event.



Top Left: Ms. Caldwell is quite enthralled with the dance majors performance. Ms. Kim Richardson and Mr. Ronnie Carney are to be commended for the choreography.



Right: Junior and sophomore dance majors performed their rendition of "Superwoman" for the honorees. They also gave the honorees a retrospect of the music and dances of the 60's and 70's.



Bottom: The honorees from left to right: Ms. Janice Durr, Mr. Walerij Kyrejko, Ms. Eleta Caldwell, Mr. Oscar Petty, Ms. Phyllis Johnson, Mr. Robert Fuller, Ms. Lenora Brazel (not pictured) Mr. Ronnie Carney.



honoring alumni



Ms Sherman's Language Arts classes and the Academic Decathlon team of Arts High School were pleased to present their third annual Women's History Month assembly program. The purpose of the program is to commemorate those women who have contributed to the Newark community through enrichment, public services, and entertainment. This year we decided to show our appreciation to those alumni who returned to Arts High to start a career. The eight recipients were honored through song, drama,

who returned home to start their careers

dance, art, television production, and instrumental theory for they have truly paved the way for others to follow. Our alumnus were Ms. Caldwell, principal 1962, Mrs. Durr, art 1963, Mrs. Johnson, world cultures 1965, Mr. Fuller, art 1964, Mr. Kyrejko, art 1964, Ms. Brazell, drama 1968, Mr. Petty, instrumental 1981, and Mr. Carney, dance 1990. These teachers have diligently dedicated numerous years of service to the Newark Public School district.

Among previous honorees, were; Nettie Thomas, Arts department chairperson, Cissy Houston, entertainer, Carolyn Whigham, funeral director, Magliz LaBoy, (in memoriam) Newark policewoman, Patricia Curvin, Humanities Department Chairperson, Mildred Crump, former Newark councilwoman, Eleta Caldwell, principal, Mary Soriano, vice principal, Kim Richardson, dance teacher, Denise Thomas, parent, and Eddy Battles, parent.



The risks we endured, the effort we supplied, and the success we achieved separate our victories from those who lacked a passion for their sport. We each brought skill, enthusiasm and dedication to our sport and because of our individual contributions, we have become teams of winners. We transformed our personal goals into team accomplishments and cheered at our success. Our desire to play made us athletes; our will to win made us excel.

Athletics



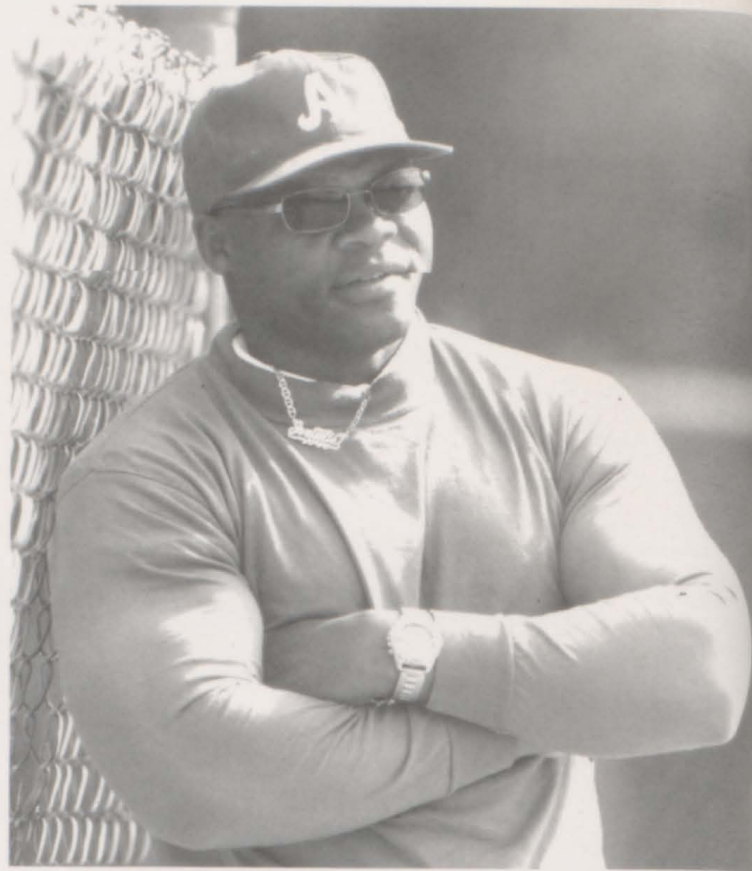


Top Right: The coach poses for the camera as he flexes his stuff.

Going, Going, Gone

The Arts High School softball team has had its best years so far. My freshmen year the team was not so good. It was as if all the girls were playing just so they could have something to do afterschool. The enthusiasm was just not there. Come my sophomore year we had a new coach, Coach Willie Mase. "In order to play softball and get a chance to actually win you have to be dedicated." Those were his words to us. To be

perfectly honest that's what helped us get through most of our games. As a senior and captain of the softball team, I'm proud to say that the young women who have played for the team are some of the best players I have ever met! These girls played to have fun because its something they like to do. Yes, its my last year at Arts and my last year playing softball but I will definitely cherish every minute of it!



Arts High Girl Softball

Mountain Lakes
Boonton
Chatman
Verona
Science
Bloomfield Tech
Bernards
Whippany Park
Pingry
Mountain Lakes
Boonton
Chatman
Verona
Science
No.13th Street Tech
Bernards



Top Row, Left to Right: Coach Willie Mayse, Jennifer Torres, Ydalis Rolon, Lisette Colon, Ivettelis Perez, Cynthia Arocho.

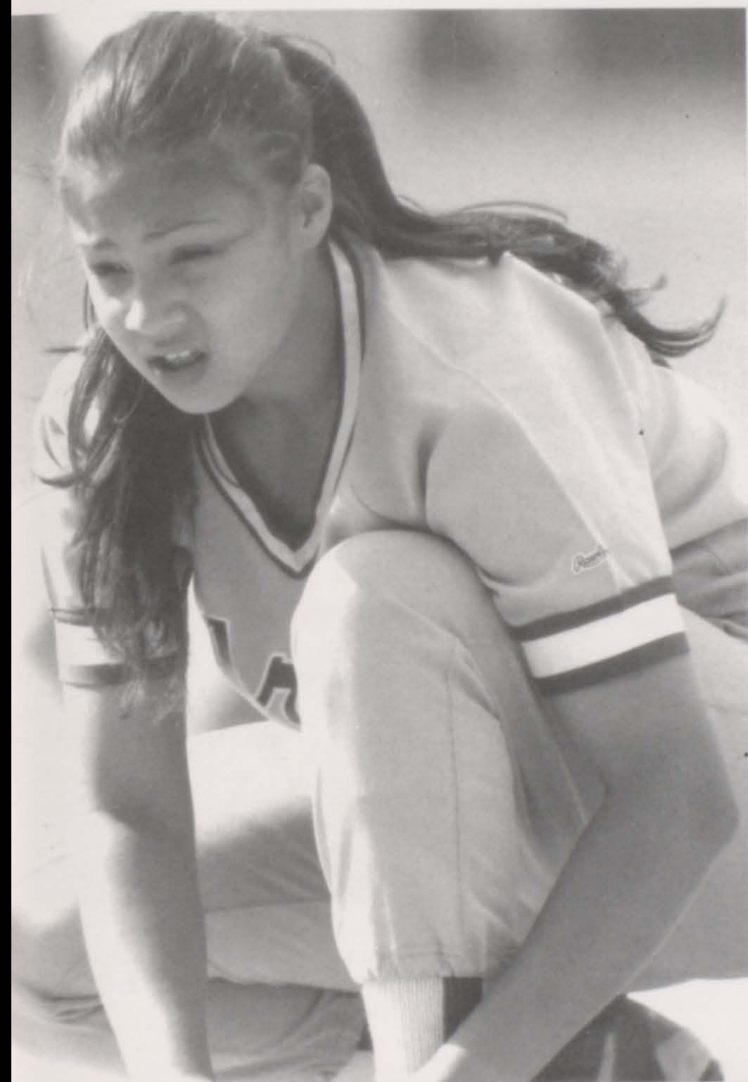
Bottom Row, Left to Right: Nusha Ameri, Shahira Sanabria, Jennifer Nwankwo, Giovanna Montijo, Grizel Delvalle.

Lady Jaguars Take On The Competition



Top Middle: Giovanna ready to strike out another victim. You better watch out!

Top Right: Lisette up to bat, determined to launch it out the park.



Middle Left: "Oh yeah, come to Mama!"



Bottom Right: Shahira with her quick reflexes prepares to catch the fastball.

Bottom Left: Lisette fights to get through the grueling game.

To the right: we see Luis Morales getting ready for the next batter to strikeout.

Team remains optimistic

Back To Basics

The 2001 baseball season saw the Arts baseball team improve their baseball skills and team play as the season progressed. The highpoint of the season was winning both games against city rival University. Individually, senior co-captains Luis Morales and Mark Cato worked hard during practice and played hard during games, trying to lead their team by example. Luis was later selected Male Scholar of the

year for Arts High. After my first year as baseball coach at Arts, I can say that I most enjoyed watching the players improve on a day-to-day basis, and I look forward to 2002 season where returning players such as senior Asmar Thomas junior Manny Rodriguez and sophomore David Vega are expected to make major contributions. Continued improvement by senior Adam De Oliveira and Peter Darius will also be key to the success of the 2002 team.



Arts High Boy's Baseball Schedule

Mountain Lakes
Boonton
Chatham
Verona
Science
Bloomfield Tech
Bernards
Whippany Park
Pingry
Mountain Lakes
Boonton
Chatham
Verona
Science
North 13th Street Tech
Bernards
Whippany Park
Pingry



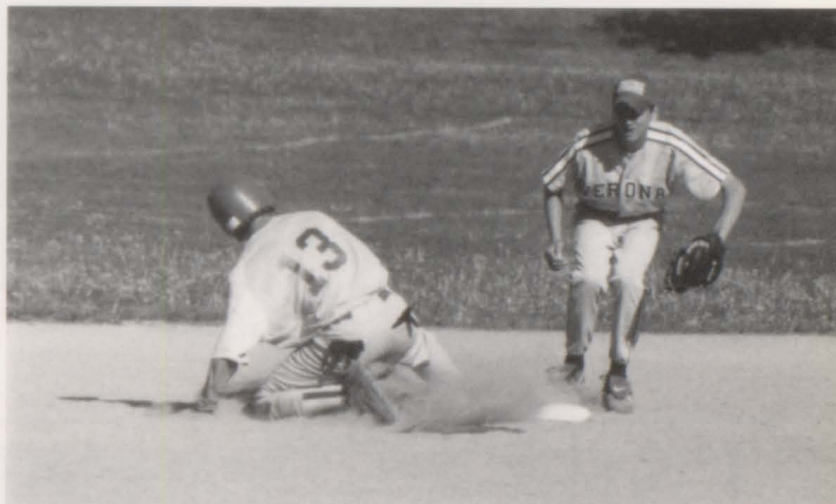
Here we have team Jaguar. From the left top to right is Assistant Coach Chambers, David Vega, Angel Terran, Peter Darius, Yuen De Cheng, Adam De Oliveira, Sharad Harvey, and Head Coach Glen. From left bottom to right is Jerome Coggins, Edmanual Rodreigez, Gabriel DelaCruz, Robbi, Mark Cato, and Luis Morales.

Jaguars are improving

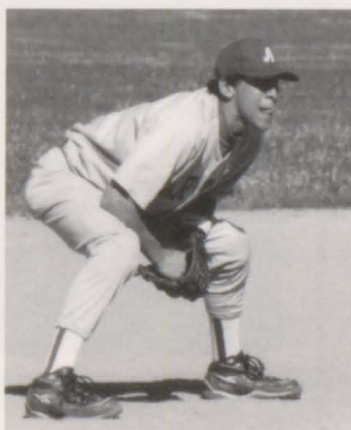


To the left we see Jerome Coggings picking a man out at third.

At the bottom Luis Morales check swings just to get the feel.



Up top Gabriel Delacruz sliding to second after hitting a double.



To the Right David gets ready with anticipation for the incoming ball.

At the left we see Edmanuel Rodreigez throwing his dynamic fastball.



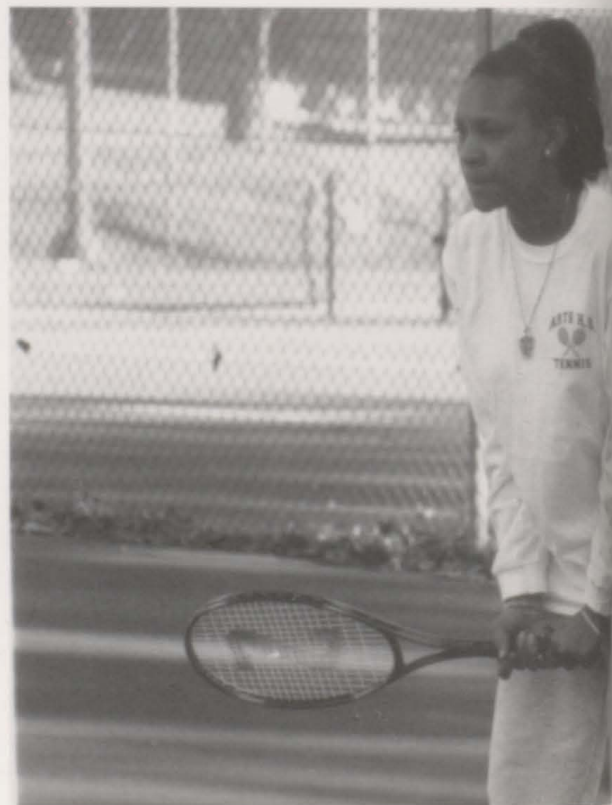
Caren Hendricks, junior, concentrates as she prepares to return a backhand. Caren played number one singles on varsity and placed sixth in the Essex County Tournament



"Just a little tap-a-roo!"

Mr. Rudolph Comick's advice for playing successful tennis.

Kieonna Risher, sophomore prepares to receive the serve from her opponent. Top right: Sophomore, Yulesmi Diaz prepares to return serve.



Underclassmen prove that in girls' tennis

Youth Rules

Heads of spectators bounce back and forth as the ball makes its way across the court, then back, across, then back, across, back, across, back, across, back, across, across, across...and it is over the fence. The tennis player sighs as she lays her racket down and exits the court to retrieve her ball.

Although hitting balls over the fence may have been occasional during practice, the scores from the tennis team reflect the lack of this occurrence during matches. The girls' tennis team, in fact, did better than ever before in the school's history.

Coach Rudolph Comick credits the team's success to a group of sophomores that came in this year after several years of taking lessons. "The experience that these girls (Caren Hendricks, junior and sophomores Kieonna Risher and Yulesmi Diaz) gained from those years have been invaluable to the success of the team.



Girls' Tennis Front row: Lashonda Burnett, Evelyn Castillo, Melissa Jones, Yulesmi Diaz

Bottom Row: Coach Comick, Ebony Henderson, Caren Hendericks, Kieonna Risher, Chauncey Robinson

SCHEDULE *girls' tennis*

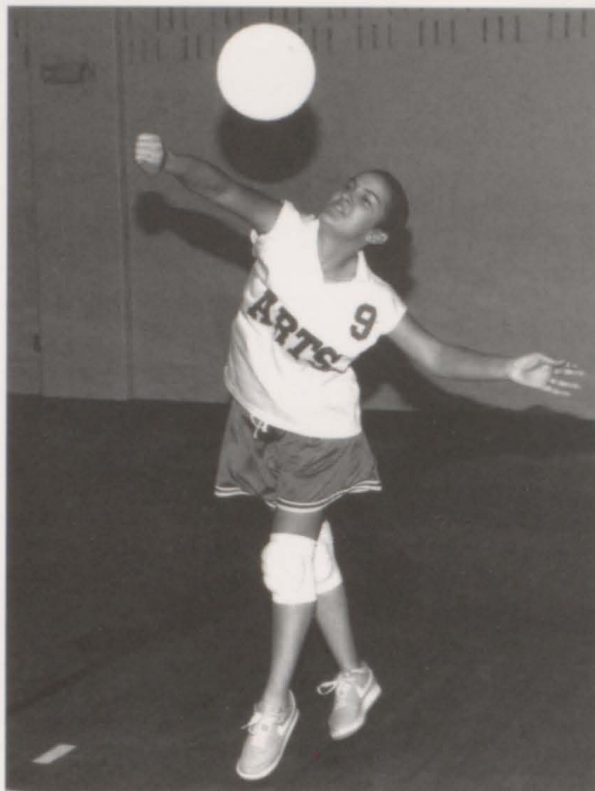
Science High
Verona
Bernards
East Side High
West Side High
Immaculate
Lacodaire

The Young Lady Jaguars Are A Spirited Team

Volleyball is sport that requires patience, skill and most important teamwork. These girls are dedicated individuals who take pride in their skills representing our school, and are determined to work well together.

There has been great chemistry improvement and as a team improvement since last season along with individual improvement. "We have an great chemistry between us," says senior Esmeralda Nazario.

Although the team had a mediocre season, they played the best they could and fought each game to the very end. The outlook for next season looks extremely promising. The team is grateful for the fans support.



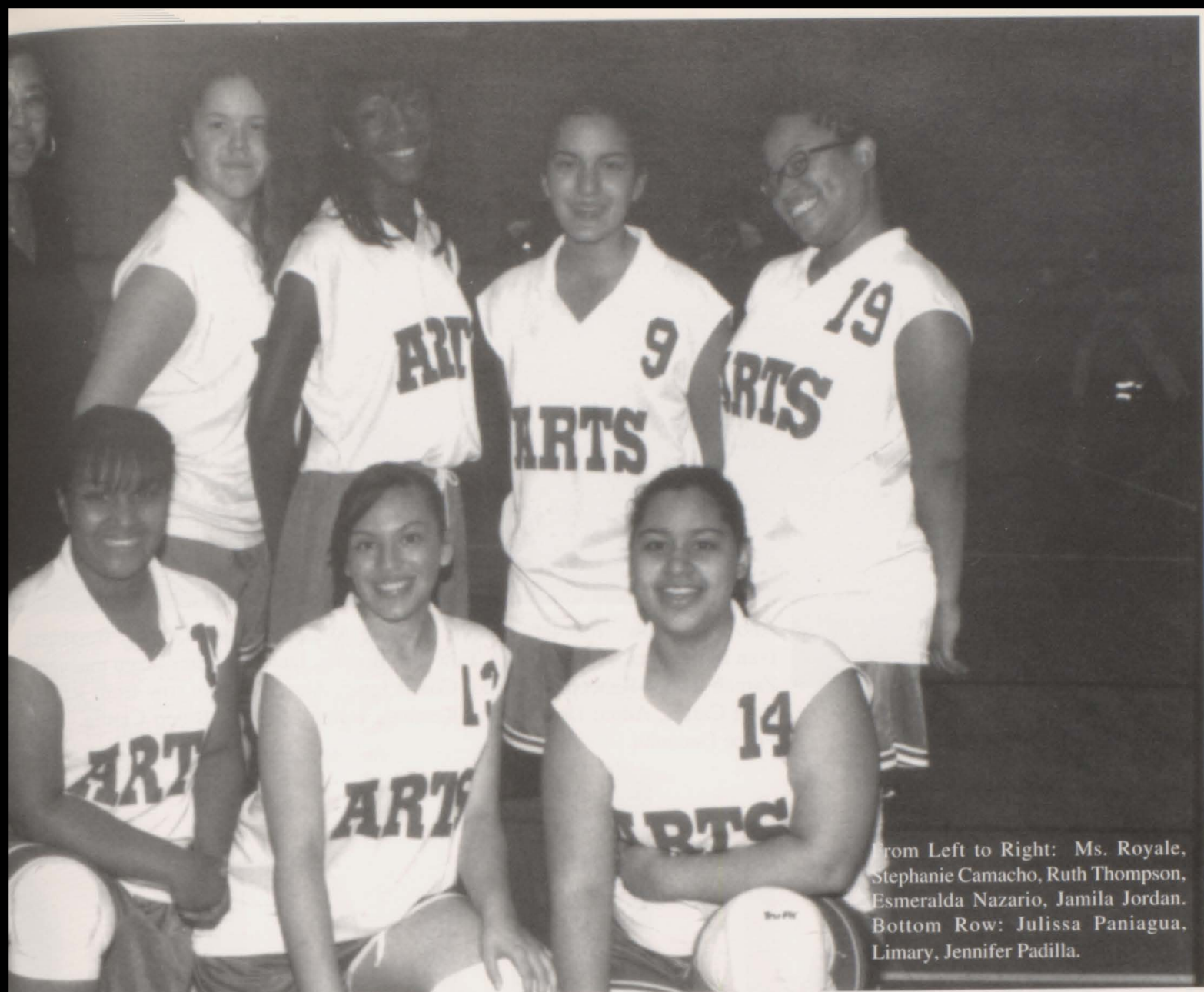
SCOREBOARD *girls volleyball*

Opponents

Mountain Lakes
Boonton
Chatman
Verona
Science
Bloomfield Tech
Bernards
Whippany Park
Pingry
Mountain Lakes
Boonton
Chatham
Verona
North 13th Street Tech



Above: Senior Esmeralda Nazario aggressively serves ball to opponent.
Below: Jennifer Padella practice her serve during warmups.



From Left to Right: Ms. Royale, Stephanie Camacho, Ruth Thompson, Esmeralda Nazario, Jamila Jordan. Bottom Row: Julissa Paniagua, Limary, Jennifer Padilla.



Left: Senior Ruth Thompson practice the under hand serve during warmups.

Above: Stephanie Camacho digs out an opponents spike shot.

Below: We see Kyle practicing his quick sharp skills to increase his ability to outwit his opponents. Kyle plays mainly defense because of the powerful blast that he gives the ball to send it out into scoring position.



Teams Played

Bloomfield Tech
North 13th Street
Newark Tech
Science High
Bloomfield Tech
Technology High
Newark Tech
Science High
Technology High
North 13th Street



Above: top row, from left to right we have Assistant Coach Glenn, Butalare, Ivan Bohorquez, Kyle Graham, Eduardo Bonilla, David, Andres, team manager Zainab Abdur-Raheem, Ricardo, Coach Igwe. Above bottom row from left to right Carlos, Adam De Oliveira, Kenneth, Johnny Ramos, Breno Cardia, and Filipe Dacunha

shoo



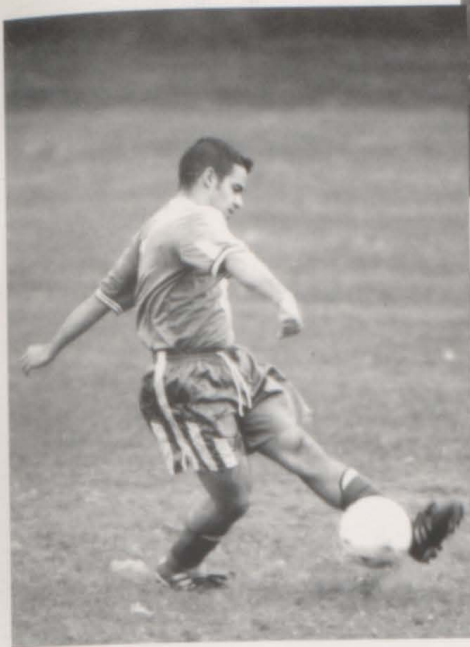
Above: We have the seniors of the team including the team manager Zainab Abdar-Raheem along with their mentors Coach Igwe and Assistant Coach Glenn. The two seniors in the back are Kyle Graham and Ivan Bohorquez, crouching are Adam De Oliveira and Breno Cardia.



Above: We see Ricardo giving his all as he shoots at the goal. He was able to prove to everyone his determination.



Above: We see Ivan the terrible launching the ball away with accuracy and power. Ivan is known for his good defense in the mid-field position.



Above: We see Adam De Oliveira crossing the ball to his fellow team member in order to keep the proper pace to make it to the goal. Adam played both mid-field defense, and left-foward at different times.



Above: We have Edwardo Bonilla lunging at the ball, saving it in the nick of time. Edward is the team sub goalie when not on the field as a mid-fielder or a right-foward.



Above: We see Filipe controlling the ball trying to keep it away from his adversaries and looking for the fake.

Out

season ends in
shoot - out win



Carlos sending the ball to extreme heights. He may be small, but Carlos is explosive on the field.



The coaches were a very important element of the team.

Right: We see one of the team captains Andres trying figure out some winning plays.



2001 Soccer 2002

Soccer Returns

Soccer returned to Arts High this year with great reception from students and staff. Many students turned out to tryout for this famous international game and really had a great experience. Whatever the level of experience students had, they had the opportunity to compete in many games and improve their skills. It was a great time for students who had not played in the past to discover that it is not difficult to play this sport.



Above: Determined to outwit her opponent, senior Megan Kabba scores two points for the Lady Jaguars. Megan dominated her opponent during this game.

Girls' Basketball. Front Row: Jennifer Veda, Maritza Colon, Jasmine Johnson, Treasure Moultrie, Ana Colon, Shalice, Shateerah Rolle, Latasia. Row 2: Assistant Coach Mayes, Lakeemah Manley, Megan Kabba, Marvella Nelson, Jennifer Camacho, Meldon, Coach Howard.



Above: Guard Lakeemah Manley employs a nifty maneuver to elude her defender. Lakeemah enjoys working in the paint.



Right: Players show the good defensive and offensive skills that Coach Howard teaches during practices. The Lady Jaguars carried these fundamentals into this game.

Senior Megan Kabba and Coach Howard Lead the RESURGENCE



Above: Megan Kabba prepares for the tip-off with Whippany Park opponent. Megan shutdown her opponent with tenacious defense.

Under the leadership of Coach Brad Howard and senior Megan Kabba, Arts High School has become a formidable opponent for conference foes. Coach Howard spends a great deal of time drilling the team on offensive and defensive skills. The results have not shown in the win-lose column this year, but the team is making improvement. Senior Megan Kabba is a savvy player who can defend all five positions and shoot eighty percent from the line." Megan has made quantum leaps since her freshman year, according to Coach Howard. Coach Howard hopes the twenty one freshman in his varsity and junior varsity programs can return the Lady Jaguar basketball team back to respectability.

Mountain Lakes 48-56 Boonton 60-79 Chatham 45-50 Verona 49-66 Caldwell 48-54 Science High 53-80
 University High 49-57 Pingry 43-51 Whippany Park 59-78 North 13th Street 49-52 Technology High 56-49
 Mountain Lakes 42-62 Chatham 40-44 Caldwell 42-52 Verona 51-74 Boonton 44-54 Pingry 47-55 Science High 49-89

undersize Jaguars

For the boy's basketball team, scores weren't the only measure of success. They spent a tough year determined to build for the future. Eight of the ten varsity players were new. There was the fresh talent that just needed to be shaped. "We knew we were going to be an inexperienced team. There were only two returning varsity players this year. From a coaching standpoint, this year was a learning experience to gain basketball knowledge. Our expectations weren't as high as last year, so that we might get better, learn and gain experience, Coach Layton said. "Even though the season wasn't very successful, I think that all the players had fun playing.

"Johnny Watson is a real hard worker. He had a phenomenal season averaging twelve points a game and three assist."

--Coach Larry Layton



Above: Looking quite uncomfortable, sophomore Charles Miller is boxed out by a Verona player. Right: Johnny Watson has a tough time getting a shot off, with two Verona defenders around him.

Gain Experience

Senior, Johnny Watson drives by a Verona defender. Middle: Kasim Wazzeenud-din battles Verona player for the rebound. Right: Sophomore, Charles Miller drives by two Verona defenders.





Left to Right: Coach Murphy, Micah Kelly, Allen Richardson, Keith Singleton, Kasim Wazzeerud-din, Brian Dickerson, Taheem Hamilton, Alex Hamilton, Coach Layton. Kneeling: Charles Miller, Steven Butler, Johnny Watson



Left: Steven Butler goes airborne getting the game started on the right foot.

Left: Jaguar defender applies tenacious defense to Verona player.

Right: Jaguar player maneuvers around a Verona defender for two points.



Above: Sophomore Charles Miller calls for the ball down low.



Above: Charles Miller out maneuvers a Verona player for a clean look at the basket.



Right: Jaguar player prepares to blow by a Verona defender on his way to the basket.

Bouncing Back



keeping the spirit



Clockwise: Kareem Gilbert(Captain), Chanel, Terri James, Donyea Boyd, Danielle Durant, Shantia Stanley, and Ydalis Rolon.

THE CHEERLEADERS BOOST THE MORALE
AT EVERY GAME. THEY WORK EXTREMELY
HARD TO PREPARE JUMPS AND ACROBATIC
MOVES FOR THE STUDENT BODY.

ALIVE

By Robert Fuller



Kareem Gilbert, the team's captain is the first male cheerleader in Arts High's history. He was a member of the cheerleading squad for two years. Kareem is quite passionate about cheerleading, he was also active in elementary school. He hopes to pursue this extracurricular activity in college.



Right: Cheerleaders doing their thing at a home game. **Below:** Kareem (Captain) and Chanel (Co-Captain)



Above: Seniors, Donyea Boyd, Kareem Gilbert and Danielle Durant



Cartwheels, pyramids, acrobatics, and hard work made this cheerleading season something special. Many fans have the illusion the cheerleaders only cheer at basketball games. In reality they enliven varsity soccer and basketball games. The winter sports season may end in March but our cheerleaders are still working. Practice and tryouts are held in the spring for the upcoming fall season. These practice sessions are held under the watchful eyes of Mr. Ronnie Carney this year's advisor, Captain Kareem Gilbert, Arts High School's first male cheerleader, Donyea Boyd and Danielle Durant deserve a special thanks for their spirit and support of the teams.

The teams also would like to express their gratitude for a job well done.



Left: Arts High School's Jaguar mascot costume worn by Kendell Dempster





With intense anticipation we see Jordan awaiting the curve so he could hear the collision from the bowling ball to the pins and it is simply exhilarating. Another strike, Another game well played by the Arts High School Bowling team. They had faced many schools and have come out winners because of the experience they obtain in competition.



Sherrod Harvey is going all the way. You can always expect a strike from him.

Bowling Team-Front Row: Jacklyn Vieira, Anna Carinez, Zahrah Abdur-Raheem. Back Row: Sherrod Harvey, Jordenson Jean, Toni Austin, and Manny Rodriguez.





For The Jaguars

B o w l i n g

The seniors this year showed their best work this year. They pushed each other and when on the floor they became leaders.

is S.W.E.E.T.

Rolling a strike is a sweet sound to a bowler. Unfortunately, for the Arts High School Bowling Team, this was a topsy-turvy season. Sherrod Harvey was the anchor of the team. His 180 average help the team compile a 12-6 record. The team finished fourth in the city league. Seniors: Toni Austin, Jordenson Jean, Jacklyn Vieira and Zahrah Abdur-Raheem were great competitors and wonderful inspiration for the underclassmen on the team. Ms. Grant, the coach, said she was pleased with team's overall performance and saw a promising future for some of the underclassmen.



Toni's motivation always kept the team going. Even when she didn't bowl she was there to cheer.



The end of our time here quickly approaches. Graduation marks the anxiously awaited conclusion of our final chapter at Arts High School.

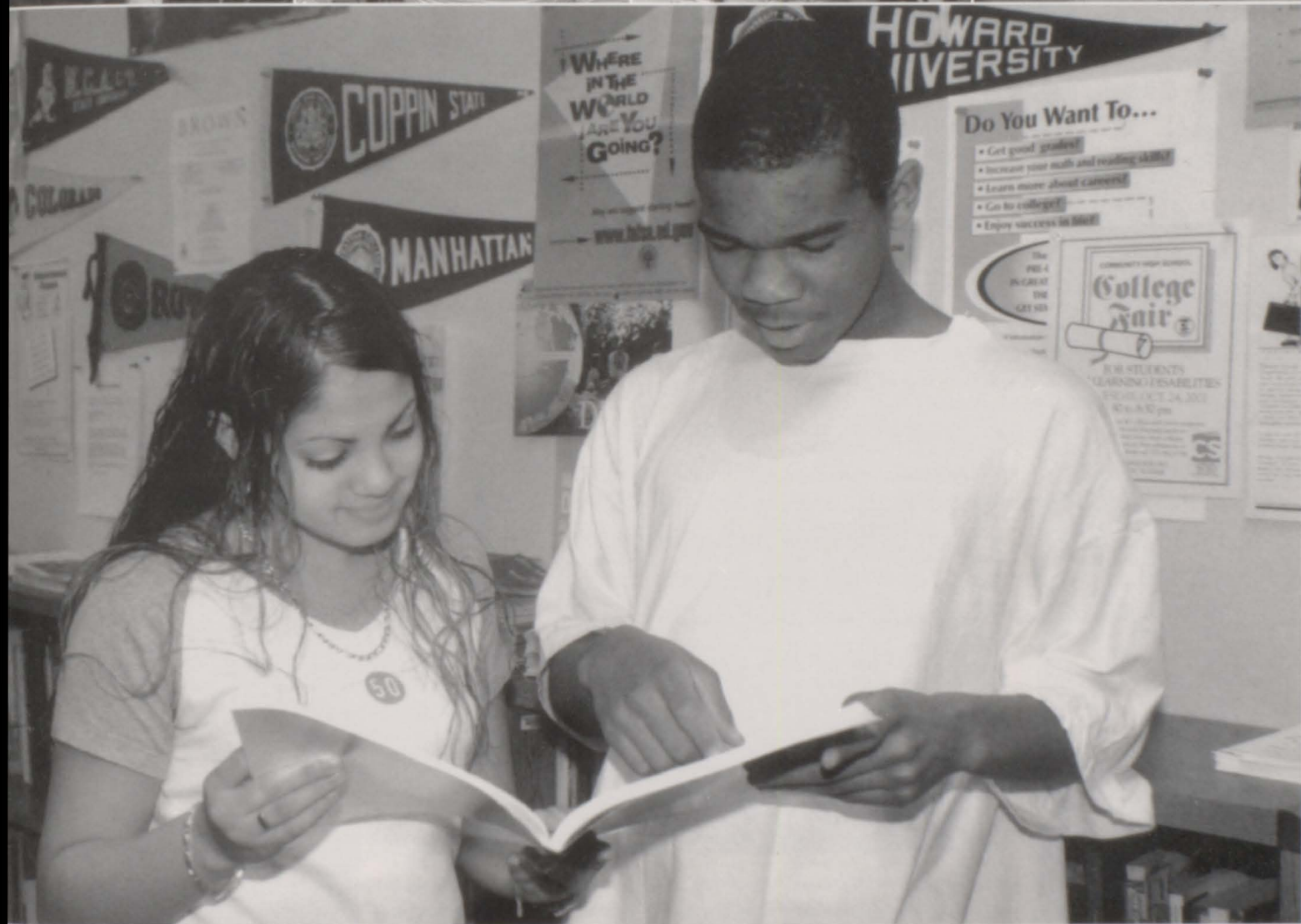
The goals that we have striven so endlessly to achieve are finally coming into clear focus just as we get close enough to understand what they really mean to us.

The curtain closes, leaving us with an undeniable feeling of uncertainty. But with that uncertainty comes perseverance and determination. We have the will to succeed, and we control our future.

Seniors



STUDENT



Creme *De La* Creme

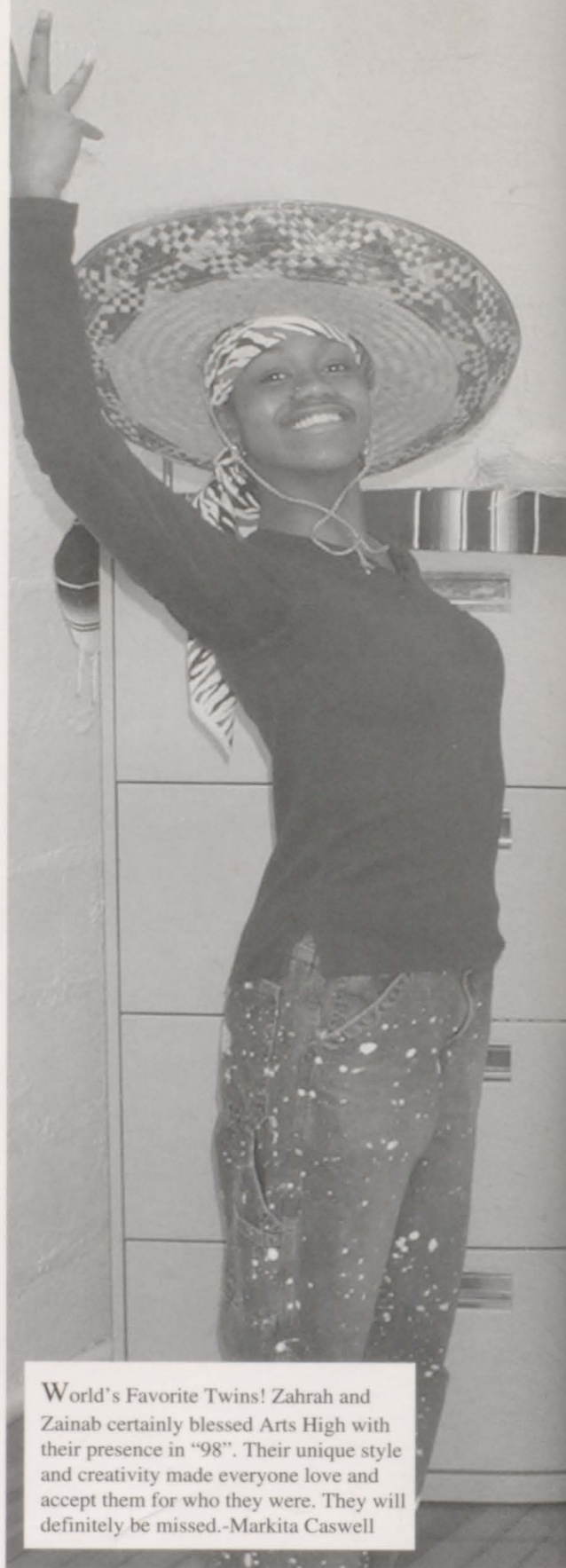
Scholars excel artistically, musically, and academically

Sometimes it's quite difficult being exceptionally bright. There is sometimes a stigma attached to these high achievers, but here at Arts High, they exemplify what the school stands for. All of these top ten scholars excel artistically, musically, and academically. Their community benefits from hours of com- Recitals, clubs, letics also oc- portion of their ics is the main among these ars. All of plan to attend universities. plications and await these dents. These to pursue ex- majors at universities. tence and per- help these scholars pursue there future endeavors. The title of Creme De La Creme is quite appropriate for these gifted students of the class of 2002. These students are an inspiration for their classmates and future classes.



I can say that I am extremely proud to be at the top of my class. I can truly say the hard pays off. I wish nothing but success to the class of 2002!
-Elizabeth Rosa

their countless munity service. and varsity ath- occupy a good time. Academ- c o n s t a n t top ten schol- these students prestigious Countless ap- interviews gifted stu- students plan traordinary there selected There persis- severance will



World's Favorite Twins! Zahrah and Zainab certainly blessed Arts High with their presence in "98". Their unique style and creativity made everyone love and accept them for who they were. They will definitely be missed.-Markita Caswell

Senior Vanessa Charles is here playing a very sophisticated classical song by the famous composer Mozart. Vanessa has excelled in many various areas concerning academic achievement as well as acquiring many awards showing many of her accomplishments.



Senior Onel Lopez is one of the Top Ten Seniors. His hard work and dedication, both in Academics and the Visual Arts have highly stood out through his progression over the four years as an Arts High student. Here we see him working on his next project after submitting one to the Coca Cola Contest.

TOP TEN Senior Scholars



1
Zahrah
Abdur-
Raheem

2
Corey
Freeman

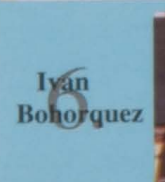


3
Zainab
Abdur-
Raheem

4
Vanessa
Charles



5
Ashley
Conte



6
Ivan
Bohorquez



7
Catia
Santos



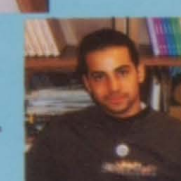
8
Kareem
Gilbert



9
Elizabeth
Rosa



10
Onel
Lopez



Zahrah Abdur-Raheem

I would like to give big thanks to God, my Mother, family and friends for always supporting and loving me. Last but not least farewell to all my buddies of the class of 2002 for making these four years the best years of my life. You will be missed. "Don't go changing" Peace! Activities: National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon, Close Up, Bowling Team.



Zainab Abdur-Raheem

"Whatever tomorrow brings I'll be there with open arms and open eyes, yeah." Incubus couldn't have said it better. Thanks to God, family, teachers, and my variety of friends. I'm glad to say I have laughed, cried, opened my mind and conquered. Farewell 2002! Activities: National Honor Society.

Minerva Abreu

I want to thank God for all his blessings and my parents for all of their support. Michelle for being a great sister. To best my friends Lissi and Luis thanks for the love. Shoutout to Merchi. Very special thanks to Ms. Caldwell. Much love to the class of 2002, we finally out!!



Antoine Alston

First and foremost I would like to give thanks to God for letting me see my senior year. For all the teachers that pushed me to make it, and last but not least my two parents, Roslyn Tanksley and Pearl Tanksley. The mother and grandmother of Antoine Lee Alston. Activities: Jazz Band, Pep Band.

Corinthia Andrade

A Bazooka Joe wrapper once read "If at first you don't succeed, deny you were trying it at all!" I thought it was cute, and it made my day. Special thanks to my mom and fnzee. Activities: Speech Team, Stage Crew.



Mia Appling

Finally, I have made it out of high school! I would like to thank myself before anyone for never giving up and always trying. Thanx to my mother and father as well as my sisters for never leaving my side. For all my true friends for never turning their back against me. To my sweetheart who has remained with me since freshman year. Activities: Academic Decathlon.

Toni Austin

Without friends or family, where would I be. You make friends and lose friends, but life goes on. Activities: Cheerleading, Bowling.



Karin Baker

First, I want to thank God for his guidance. I want to thank my family for their love and support. To the class of 2002, I wish you the best. To the ones that kept it real- much love- you know who you are! To my peoples outside of school, much love! R.I.P Mommy. Activities: Gospel Choir.

Sakeenah Baker

To the graduating class congrats, and I would like to wish everyone the best of luck. Sheena thanxs for being there through thick and thin. Love ya "Dookie". Tiff, we have been through a lot but we made it. Shortie a.k.a Sherrod keep your head up. Its been real and I'll miss buggin out with you. Mommy and Daddy I did it! We did it c/o 2002!

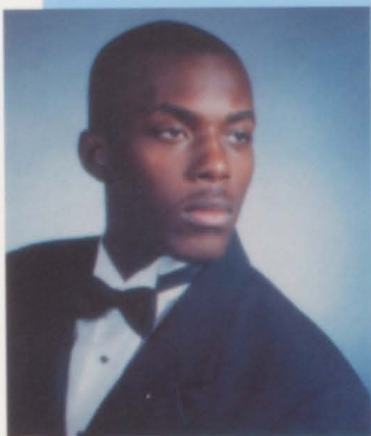
Activities: Stage Crew.



Rijohn Bell

We Out! It's been a fun time but it's finally over. I leave my heart and all my love to all of you, class of 2002. I thank God from up above, you gave me strength and a helpful family. Peace!

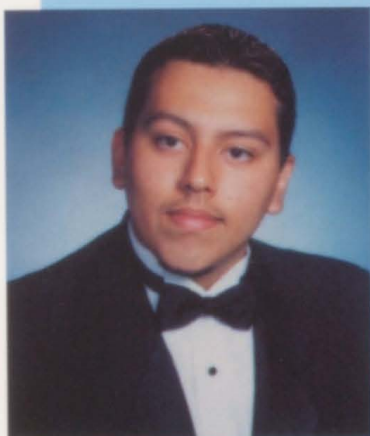
Activities: Omega Jazz Band, Gospel Choir, Boys Choir.



Ivan Bohorquez

"Seizing the day, dreaming the dreams, living the life." Each day that passes by engages me to follow these words. I would like to thank God above all for giving me the strength to move forward. Mom, Dad, and my bro's thanks for the support. To all my friends out there thanks for the wild times. "We came, we saw, and we conquered."

Activities: National and Art Honor Society, Soccer.



Donyea Boyd

To all who read this you know me better as "Chunckee". Be loud, bold, outrageous, helpful, thoughtful, and friendly to all that you encounter. May you all succeed in life also find love, peace, happiness, and prosperity.

Activities: Academic Decathlon, Arts Honor Society.



Alicia Battle

I would like to thank my lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all he has done for me. Thanks to my family who has been there for me and to the whole class of 2002. Keep your heads above the sky.

Activities: Gospel Choir, Future Teachers of America.



Stephanie Benoit

"Let's take this chance called life to make a decision." This quote will guide me through my troubles in life. It will remind me that I have dreams to follow and achieve. Without my parents and God I would be nothing.

Activities: Tennis, Do Something, French Club, Research Club, Video Club.



Creasha Bowman

To God be the glory for the things he has done. Class of 2002 we finally made it. I must say that I have spent the last four years with the world's greatest people here at Arts High. I want to wish everybody in my graduating class a wonderful and fulfilling future.

Activities: Gospel Choir, Student Council, Advanced Choir.



Quaniesa Briggs

I want to first give thanks to God for allowing me to get this far. To all of my close friends, you know who you are, keep on keepin' it real and let's stay in touch. To the class of 2002 we made it this far so you can't give up now. Thanks to my mother for being such a wonderful single parent.

Activities: Book Club, Science Research Club, Gospel Choir.



Jalila Brunson

I wish the best to everyone and may my life be nothing more than a joy. Much love to all my friends and family that are part of the class of 2002. I love all ya'll and I wish much success to everyone.

Activities: Academic Decathlon, Gospel Choir.



Mariell Buquet

I thank God for giving me strength to get by. To my mother and Lady, I love you and thanks for being there. To all T.V. Majors, TRK Hose, and the best ever Mr.G, can't forget ya'll. Thanks to my closest friends who aided when I needed them (Mark, Kaz, Milah, Ricci.)

Activities: Volleyball, P.O.W.E.R, Speech Team, Aspira.

Malik Burnett

Only God can make a dream come true. To my mother for her undying love. All my aunts and uncles for their support. My teachers, especially Mr. Sulliman and Mr. Gardner. Kaz, Jamilah, Mari, Jessica, Lissi, and Dawn. Thanks for showing me true friendship.

Activities: Class President, Newspaper, Tennis, Speech Team.



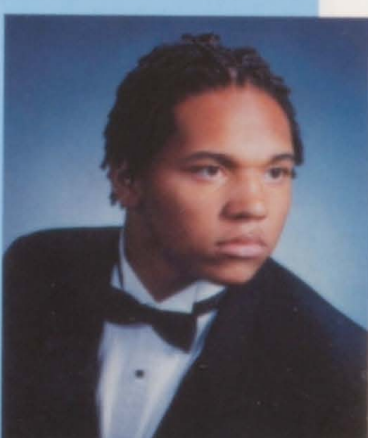
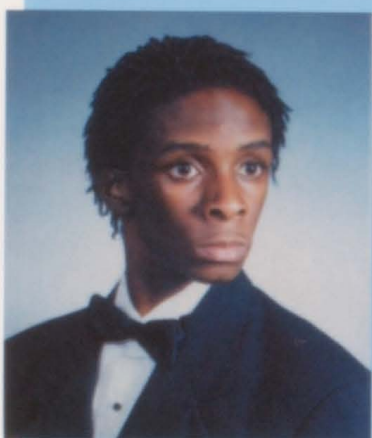
Natasha Byrd

First, I would like to thank God for allowing me to be created. Thanks to my parents for their love and support, my best friend Aliyah for making me smile when I was down, my sister Dina for all the advice, and my baby Pierre for being there for me. Mad love to my brothers and the class of 2002. I finally made it!

Kiyan Cady

Through life you have those who love you and those you love. You have to realize that those that you love won't always be there but those that love you, will. Friend or foe-Holla!

Activities: Basketball.



Dujuan Caldwell

Riding solo this year, all my peoples are gone! Four years I made it now I got to move on to a new world. Its like I'm re-born. Shoutouts to all my seniors, juniors, sophmores, and freshmens. Special shoutout to my mother, my sister Markita, Walik, Johnny, and Kiyan.

Activities: Basketball.

Stephanie Camacho

The purpose of life is to undergo another degree of our ceaseless expedition. Therefore I am not afraid of tommorrow; for I have seen yesterday and I love today... Gracias a Dios.

Activities: Volleyball, Latin Band.



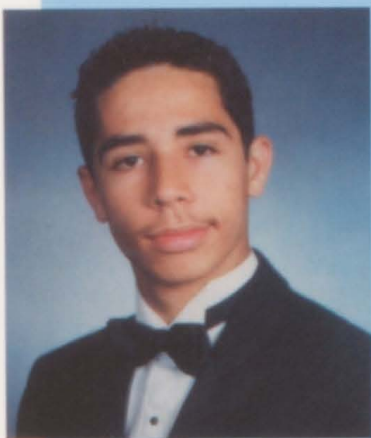
Ana Maria Cardenas

Thanks to my family for their love and support. Special thanks to my dance majors and my best buddies that have made these four years. I had the best four years of my life... so far.

Activities: Newspaper, Stage Crew, Volleyball.

Breno Cardia

I hate the "In" crowd. In life, learn to be an individual, and when in doubt, be yourself. Only dead fish swim with the stream. Popularity is a figment of a person's imagination. To those who stayed true and didn't sell out, I salute you! Activities: Track, Video Club, Soccer, Photography Club.

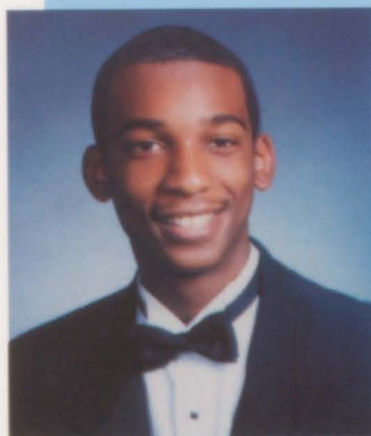


Davion Carmen

Life is a constant struggle of power. But to recognize the balance is where the truth lies. Live for the moment think for the future because life without a struggle ain't living. Activities: Football.

Gary Carr

I believe that you should strive for the best and nothing less. Keep your head up instead of worrying about stress. Make numerous goals, make sure there's no end of it. Whatever opportunities you have you should reap the benefits. Activities: Basketball, Track, Academic Decathlon, Chess Team, Soccer.



Markita Caswell

Congrats 2002! This year has been so crazy. I want to give thanks to everyone who has come into contact with me over the years, you are truly blessed. To know me was to love me, sorry for those who didn't get a chance. Special thanx to my ma, Kim, and my grandmother. Without you there would be no me. C/o 2002 I luv yall, I'm out!

Activities: Yearbook, Student Council, and much more.

Carolyn Cato

As a graduating member of the class of 2002, I want to begin by thanking my family for their love and sincerity, as well as their support. In recognition of God's many blessings, I would like to thank all those who helped to make my overall high school experience a pleasant one, and wish 2002 much happiness and success. Activities: N.J. Symphony Orchestra, Bowling.



Sheena Chapman

To God, my family and anyone I've even come in contact with, thanks for showing me just how people can be (good and bad). Much respect to true friends, mainly Sakeenah, Tiffani, Twins, Jamila, Chris (both), Mark, Keasam and most importantly to my love, even though you aren't always near me.

Vanessa Charles

My four years at Arts have made a lasting impression in my life. Like everyone, I've had my ups and downs, but I will always remember how much I've grown as a person while I was here. I leave Arts with great memories, lasting friendships and a new outlook on life. Thanks to God, my family, teachers, and friends. Activities: Gospel Choir, Student Council, Newspaper.



Kareemah Clark

First I would like to thank God for allowing me to get this far. I thank my mother, my grandmother, and my whole family. To all my friends, I love you guys. Breathe easy and I'm gone. Holla!

Activities: Gospel Choir

Mark Clark II

The only dependable thing about the future is uncertainty and that is what makes you live for tomorrow.

Activities: Video Club, Basketball.



Lissette Colon

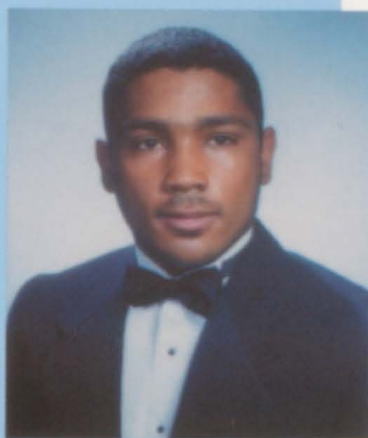
Throughout my four years in Arts I've never experienced so many things in my life like I did here. As I leave I will never forget the hallways that started my social life, classrooms that I took for granted instead of taking advantage, and the shoulders that bared mountains of tears. Thanks Mom, Dad, Minerva, Mark, and the love of my life Luis.

Activities: Softball, Speech.

Ashley Conte

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I want to thank God for bringing me this far, and for blessing me with beautiful parents who've supported me in all my endeavors. To the class of 2002, Good luck!

Activities: Bowling, National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon.



Billy Correa

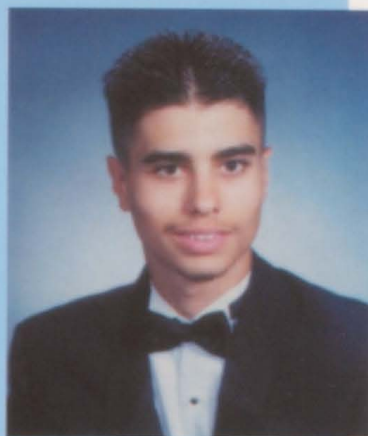
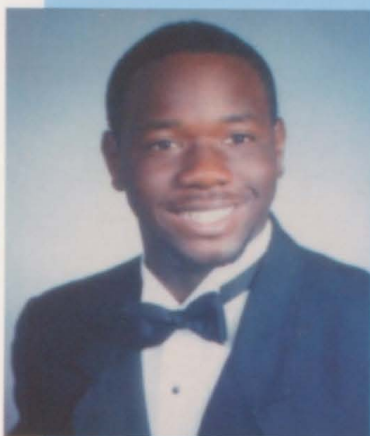
Thank you Arts High for all you've taught me in music. I'll miss everyone especially my friends and teachers. I would like to thank my family for being there for me. And now goodbye...

Activities: Jazz Band, Latin Band, Orchestra, Pep Band.

Mustafa Daniels

"If you love your art, it shall tell you in its own way what is right and wrong."

Activities: Jazz Band, Track Team.



Peter Darias

For the years we spent together we never realized how important they are, we have to cherish every moment in the past, present, and future. Good luck to everyone and Godspeed to all.

Activities: Baseball, Stage Crew.

Ayesha Davis

First off I would like to give thanks to God for getting me through my 4 years of high school. To my parents & family for supporting me. Last but not least, to class of 2002 keep on!

Activities: Stage Crew, School Newspaper, Cheerleader, Research Science Club



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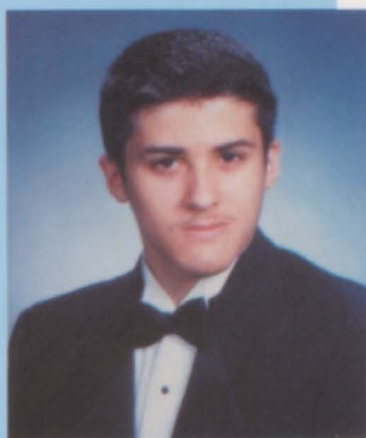
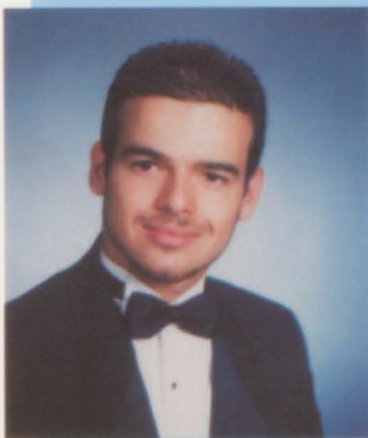
First, and foremost I would like to thank God for all my blessed years. Mommy I did it, I hope I made you proud. And to all my friends that has been there from the beginning to the end I love you all. The best of luck to you.

Activities: Volleyball, Pep Band, Latin Band, Tri-M Honor Society.

Adam DeOliveira

My experience at Arts High school has been very fulfilling. It has given me the opportunity to gain further knowledge in the visual arts. I have met plenty of people with their unique qualities. I will never forget them.

Activities: Baseball, Soccer.



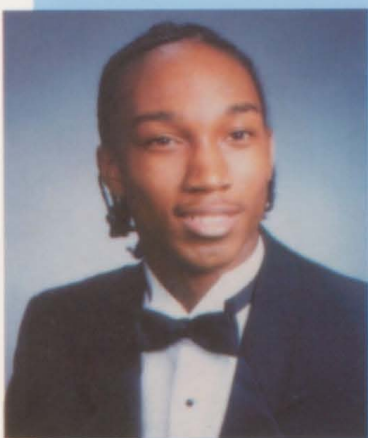
Lorenzo Diaz

These past four years have not been easy; especially for me. I am glad it's almost over. Sadly I won't be sad to go.

Walik Dozier

First and foremost I would like to thank all my fellow classmates as well as alot of the underclassmen because they all have contributed to the success. I'm blessed to have that given to me. Lastly, I want to big up everyone else.

Activities: Basketball, Football, Math Club, Track.



Danielle Durant

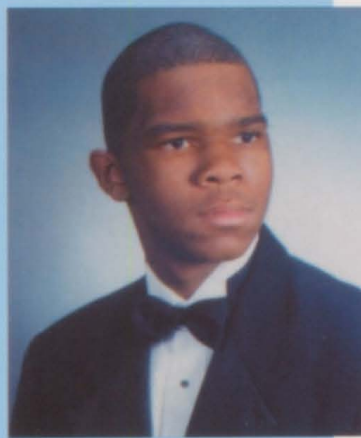
To the class of 2002 you know we couldn't do this without God. To my Mommie, Daddie and the rest of my family thank you for helping me make it this far. To my dawgs, you kow what's up and the original 3, I'll never forget you. Feel me, love me, never forget me. Its Ms. Sassy and I'm out!

Activities: Cheerleading, Track, Student Council.

Shacree Ferguson

What ever you do, do it well. Whenever you speak, speak kind. Give joy wherever you dwell.

Activities: Class Treasurer, French Club, Video Club, Events Coordinator.



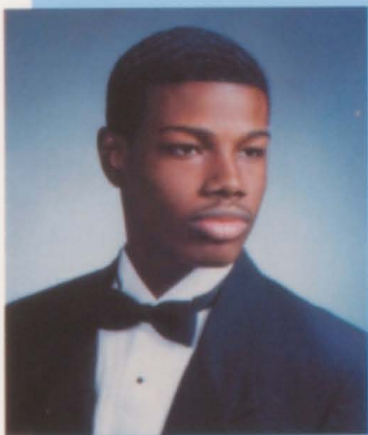
Alonzo Fitch

I would like to thank God for allowing me to make it this far. My family for their support. My friends for keeping it real. Mia, Tia, Dianna, Tasha, and Asmar my dawgs for life. The whole class of 2002. I would like to thank Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Soriano for giving me a second chance.

Corey Freeman

My time at Arts High has been a true learning experience. I will miss everyone in the class of 2002 and I wish all much success and happiness.

Activities: National Honor Society.



Maria Fresco

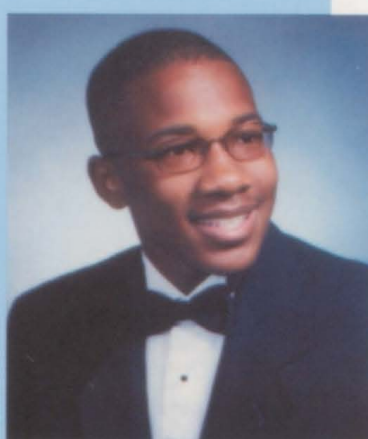
I thank my family and friends for always being there for me and for supporting me every step of the way.

Activities: Do Something, Scope, French Club, Literary Magazine, National Art Honor Society.

Crystal Frye

My time here at Arts High will always be treasured for the gift of music that was culinated; for the friendships made that will last a lifetime, and for those teachers that inspired, encouraged, and guided my path to adulthood. Thank You! I've been truely blessed. Phillipines 4:13.

Activities:Gospel Choir, Academic Decathlon, Do Something.



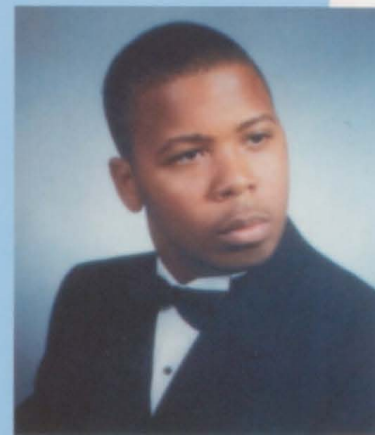
Kareem Gilbert

I first want to thank God for blessing and getting me this far. I also want to thank my parents for their encouragement, love, and support. To the class of 2002, "May the Lord bless thee and keep thee."Miracles and blessings will be stored upon us. Activities:National Honor Society,Cheerleader team, Close Up,Tennis Team, Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Jessica Gonzalez

First and foremost, I would love to thank my parents, whom I dearly love for making me the person I have grown to be. To my best friends Malik and Keasam, you two have been there for me all the time, I love you guys.

Activities:Orchestra, Speech Team, Volleyball Team.



Kyle Graham

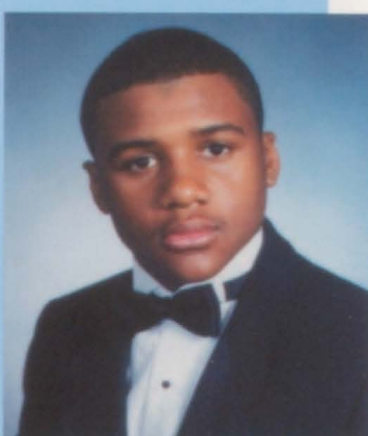
First, I'd like God and my parents and everyone who supported me through my trials and tribulations. Good luck to the whole class of 2002!

Activities: Video Club, Soccer Team, Academic Decathlon, Student Council, Science Explorers, Photography Club.

Shanniela Graham

Thank you Lord for your many blessings and my parents for your love and support. To my little brother Theoka and my big sister Laticia,high school wouldn't be the same without you. To my love Ira, thank you for loving me for who I am. Much love and good luck to the class of 2002.

Activities: Cheerleading.



Sherrod Harvey

As a senior being here for about four years I have learned many things, met many people and I know that there is much more out there for us. I wish you all good luck and thanxs "02" "Knowledge is power" "There's only 1 way 2 find out."

Activities:Baseball, Bowling, Football, Male Choir.

Tyeshia Hayes

If it wasn't for God I wouldn't be writing this, so thank you God. To my fellow c/o 2002 good luck in your up coming years of life. Thanks mommy now I understand the way things were. To my best friends thank you Misha and Nahleen. Activities:Good Morning Arts High, Gospel Choir.



Ivette Hernandez

First off I thank God for allowing me to make it this far through high school. I'd love to thank Cristina, Karin, Estel Lottie, and my man who helped me throughout my high times in HS. Love Ya!

Danielle M. Hill

During my years at Arts I've learned a lot about others, myself, and life. I had the opportunity to meet people that I will never forget and love for life. I couldn't have accomplished anything without the support of my family and friends. Activities: Softball, Class Vice Pres., Stage Crew, Student Council.



Crystal Hines

Going to Arts High was an interesting experience and I will miss all of the friends that I have made. Activities: Bowling, Video Club

Ebony Hodges

First I would like to especially thank the almighty and my family for being there for me. To my seniors Big Ups yall we did it. To who we leave behind good luck in the future.



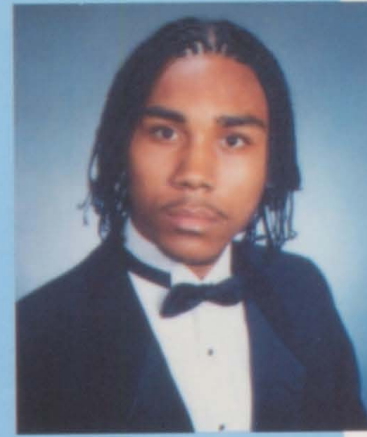
Jonathan Hoffman

The most valuable advice that my friends have given to me about life is to "keep in mind, but nevermind."

Jean Jordenson

I'd mainly thank our Savior Jesus Christ for being with me throughout my life and my mom for keeping me out of trouble. I'm going to miss my friends "Buddy", Wilma, Billy, "Biscuit", Lorenzo, etc. Finally one of the most important things that happened to me is an always will be "GLS". With the Lord by us we will make it.

Activities: Bowling, Pep Band, Baseball.



Keasam Johnson

I finally made it! Four long but challenging years have at Arts. I truly want to thank the person who has impacted my life, my mother. Also I would have never made it through without my dawgs Jamila, Mariell, Jessica, and even Lance. Activities: Track, Tennis, Video Club, Math Club, Speech Team, Newspaper, Literary Magazine.

Yolanda Johnson

I will never forget the years that I've spent here at Arts. These pass four years have been a challenge for me as well as a great experience. I will take with me and will never forget the many friends that I have made here. I hope that all of you will be successful in your future endeavors.

Activities: Softball, Tennis, Gospel Choir, Academic Decathlon.



Jamila Jordan

First off I would like to thank God. I have been truly blessed to be a part of the Jordan and Arts High family. I thank everyone for helping me develop into the young woman I am today. I love you all and peace be with you.

Activities: Volleyball, Speech Team, Academic Decathlon, Video Club, Student Council.

Cecilia Jurado

Thanks to God, Mom, Dad, family, friends, "Fairy Dust", and "Angels." I saw the sun, it hadn't been for days but within the rain it seemed glistening." I now have hope, not only in myself but in other people. Peace, love, and music will make things ok...at least for today.

Activities: Scope, Photography Club, French Club.



Megan Kabba

I would like to thank all my true seniors who stood by me. I hope everyone from the class of 2002 succeeds after our loving years in Arts. Seniors that I would love to give best wishes to is Sharita Rainey, Markita Caswell, Kareem Gilbert, Danielle Durant, and Diomarys Ventura. I love you. Activities: Basketball, Track, Stage Crew, Volleyball.

Toccarra Labady

Arts High has been a major learning experience. Not only academically, but I've also learned life lessons. I want to thank Ms. Brazel for instilling things in me I never knew existed. I am very thankful for the few true friends I have made along the way and my family. Most importantly God.

Activities: Gospel Choir, Volleyball, Poetry Club.



Tiffany Lee

It's amazing how these four years can go by so fast. Within these years I've learned, experienced, and achieved alot. So I can't leave here empty handed, I'll leave with knowledge to work hard and to achieve goals. I'll miss my friends and the teachers who dedicated there lives to helping me succeed. Thanks, you will be remembered. Goodbye class of 2002.

Christopher Lighty

"Through it all God's brought me through." It's because of you Lord that I've made it. Thanks to my mother for teaching and believing in me. To my church family for praying for me. To my Crystal, for being who you are and my friends Shacree, Malik, Sheena, Asmar, and Yolanda. To my Dad, "I'm still here." R.I.P.

Activities: Gospel Chior, Academic Decathlon, Tennis.



Onel Lopez

This might be our final year together, but memories will always be there. I would like to give thanks to all the teachers they did a great job and helped me prepare for the future.

Activities: Science Club, National Honor Society, Art Honor Society.

Soraya Marques

First and foremost I would like to thank God and my loved one's for guiding me and supporting me through thick and thin. You know who you are! To the class of 2-2 thanks for making these four years what they've been.

Activities: Orchestra.



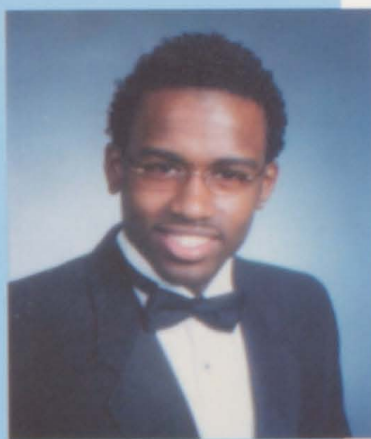
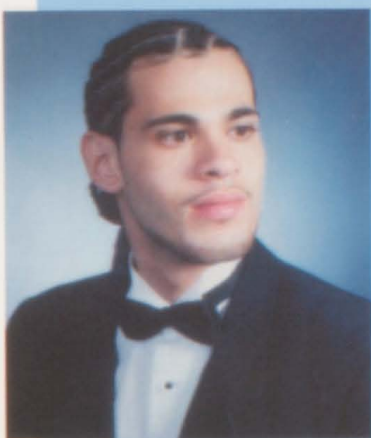
Lottie Martin

There will always be a memory in my heart of all of those who were friends. I thank my family for adding to my memories, God, and my love Julio. I've made it far with everyone, but you Julio and God, will always be there. I love you LM!

Activities: Bowling.

Joaquin Martinez

Yo wassup, I want to give a shoutout to all my real nizzles. Stay holding it down and make that money. Make sure all my real peoples keep in contact! Activities: Tennis, Basketball.



Phillip McKinney

First I would like to thank God for all his support. There has been many nights when I cried to him when I felt like I couldn't handle the pressure. I can't take any credit for my success. Thank you to all the people that showed me love and thanks to those who didn't. I love you Mom! Activities: Basketball, Jazz Band, Male Chorus.

Sonja Rose Mendez

The last four years haven't been easy for me, but being at Arts has taught me to stay focused and try my best no matter what.



Darselle Milfort

My three years at Arts High has been short but yet memorable. As I go on to my further education, I will remember each individual faces of the Arts family. Close friends & associates. Thanks to all the teachers, especially to Mr. Gardener, it is because of you I will miss everyone. I love yall. Activities: Volleyball, Speech Team, Gospel Choir,

Carolyn Milton

Above all, I would like to thank my heavenly father as well as my grandparents for everything they have done for me. Also, I would like you to remember, "Don't play for safety- it's the most dangerous thing in the world."-Hugh Walpole. Activities: French Club

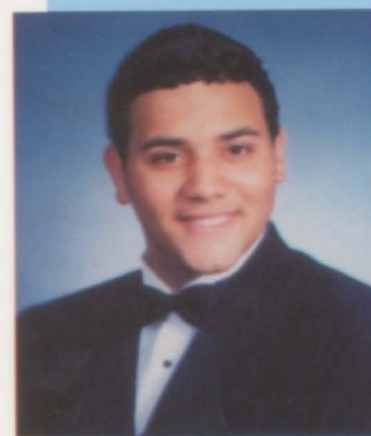


Ashley Morse

My three years at Arts High were some of the best times. I came as a new sophomore and I thought it was going to be hard to make friends but they came with open arms. Arts High is like a second family and it will be missed.

Antonio Moscone

They say life is a journey, and I made it through this one, but there are still many more roads left to travel in this life to come. Shoutouts to the whole senior class! Johnathan, Danny, Pun, & all my mother brothers! Activities: Music Club, ABT, School Performances.



Hussein Nasser

Dear class of 2002, I'll miss you all man. I would just like to thank my closest friends that never turned their backs on me, ya'll always got my heart. Oh, and one more thing thank you for the shoutout Jacky, love you cousin!

Esmeralda Nazario

From the beginning to the end I would like to thank my friends, my family, and God for being here through thick and thin. I love you all, take care, and Good Luck.

Activities: Omega Jazz Band, Pep Band, Volleyball Team.



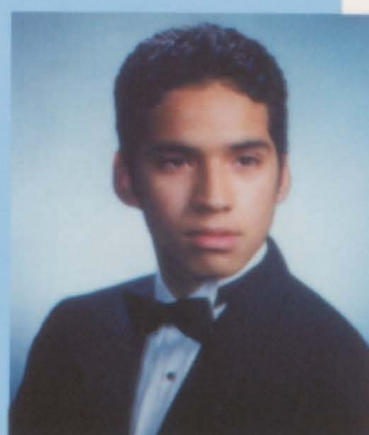
Ndidi Onukogu

To the class of 2002, much love and respect. I wish everyone success and prosperity in what ever you do. As for me I'm out. Stay on B.E.T.

Mercedes Padilla

I would like to wish all of my fellow classmates the best of luck with their lives. I would like to thank all of my true friends Maria, Luis, Danny, Minerva, Sonja, and so on, for always being there for me. I love you guys. To mom, I love you too! May God Bless and good luck!

Activities: Cheerleading, Select Choir, ASPIRA



Robert Pincay

Thank you for books. Thank you for pencils. Thank you for desks. Thank you for lunch. Thank you for teachers. Thank you for the four years at this school! Bye.

Activities: Soccer, Track Team

Sharita Rainey

First I would like to give thanks to my heavenly father for guiding me. My Mom for loving me and teaching me the importance of education, also all my teachers who had faith in me. Last but not least I want to thank the c/o 2002 Love yall!

Activities: Stage Crew, Speech Team



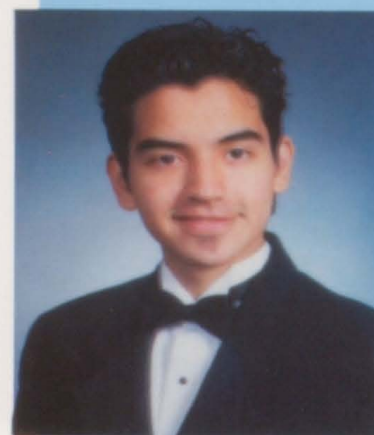
Tiffani Ratliff

As your fellow class secretary, I would just like to congratulate the class of 2002, and whomever you praise may he continue to bless each of you. Holla!! To my fellow Diva/Sisters, Sheena & Sakeenah and my beautiful for dedicating all of time to me. Daddy(R.I.P), family, friends, Dance majors. Thanx!!!

Joshua Reyes

I'm so thankful for the past four years. I'm grateful for everything good and bad. People are so amazing- I'd like to thank everyone for everything. Good Times-Live to win, Dare to fail.

Activities: Geetar



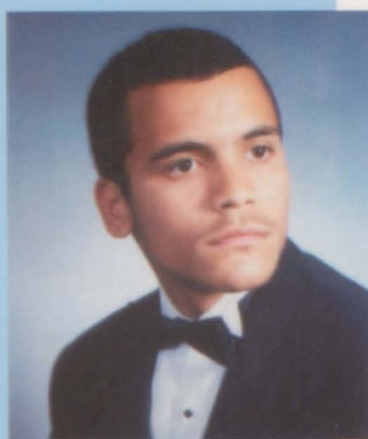
Lance Richardson

"It's over now". I would like to thank father for always being here for me. Even though you're no longer here, I know you're still watching over me. To everybody else I wish you the best of luck in whatever you do. Big shoutouts to Shacree and Keasam, love yall!

Activities: Track & Field, Speech Team

Andrea Rodriguez

You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it real! Antoine, Mami, Jamie, Anthony, Chuck, and Limary-thank you for giving me that power. Class of 2002, never forget me, and live life to the absolute fullest- no regrets.



Felipe Rodriguez

First of all I would like to thank everybody who has helped me through the hardships of my school years. Life is what you make of it, it's just a grain in the sands of life. I've learned there's more to life than girls and gear, so don't judge me from these plastic words.

Activities: Track.

Karin Rodriguez

I would like to say congratulations to the class of 2002 and Thank you to all my friends especially Steph, Ivette, and Elizabeth. I would especially like to thank my mom who my tower of hope & my driving force in life.

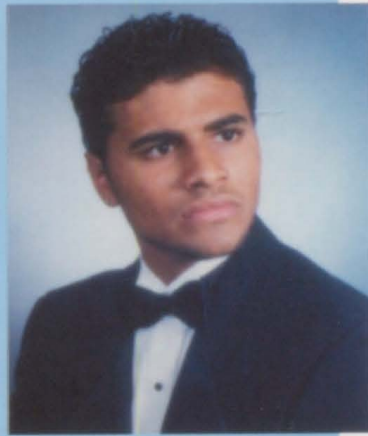


Wilmarie Rodriguez

First of all, I would like thank God and my parents who have been there for me and never put me down. Thank you for all you've given me. My friends for being there for me from beginning till the end. You know who you are. I will always remember you all.

Elizabeth Rosa

Congradulations to the class of 2002! We made it you guys! I would like to thank my parents and all of my extended family, for supporting me. Love ya! To my friends, I wish you all success in the world! To the 2002, always remember: whatever your craft is practice and perfect it!



Jayro Rosado

Through all of my years here at Arts I've made many friends and I've received all the support that I can ever bare. I love you all. To my brother Kas, you were always there. Shoutouts to all my true friends in the class of 2002.

Activities: Male Chorus, Gospel Chorus, Math Club, Video Club, and Track.

Dianna Rose

First I would like to thank the creator for bringing me this far. Thanks my family for their support. Much love to Mr.G and all T.V. majors. Congrats to the call of 2002! We made it!

Activities: Girls Basketball Team, Academic Decathlon, and Tennis Team.



Jasmine Santana

I thank God for the wonderful blessed, but hard years. To all those who were "haters" take care because that won't get you no where. To all my friends from the smallest to the tallest, I love you all.

Activities: Volleyball and Latin Band.

Catia Santos

I would like to thank everyone for their support and I leave you with this thought. It only takes a minute to change someones' life. Make yourself count! Smile at the world of oppurtunities that surrounds you and don't let them past you by. Thank you Arts High!

Activities: Do Something, Student Council, National Honors Society.



Daniel Serrano

I'm not going to really miss anything about this school because I will be taking a piece of it with me, and my friends too.

Activities: Songwriting

Yakimah Singelton

First I'd like to thank God and my parents for enabling me to be born and making it this far. Lastly I'd like to congradulate the class of 2002 and wish them much success.

Activities: Advanced Choir



Xaviea Stokes

I would like to thank God; my family and friends for being there for me. To my beloved father, I miss you. To all seniors, may you have the best of luck in the future.

Latia Strickland

"Sure way for one to lift himself up is by helping to lift someonelses"--Booker T. Washington I dedicate that quote to all of my great friends in and out of Arts High and all of my teachers throughout my years here, and my lovely family!

Activities: Tennis Team and Speech Team



Nahleen Taylor

To the c/o of 2002, all I would like to say is "keep up the hardwork, live your life to the fullest and don't let anyone come in you path of success."

I give all thanks to my parents and friends for making my years at Arts High memorable.
Activities: Track, Cheerleading, Research Club, Speech Team, Gospel Choir, Newspaper.

Asmar Thomas

To my mother Ms. Denise Thomas who helped me to get this far. Thank you for helping me see that there's something out there for me by staying on the right path. To my family, friends, teachers and adminstrators helping in aiding her, thanks. Also, to Chain and Chris, c/o 2002, I'm greatful.

Activities: Baseball, Track, Chess Club, Football.



Christopher Thomas

High School has went by to fast. I'd cut class just so I could do it all over again. Out of everything I'm going to miss all the classes I never went to, what is Arts going to do without me? Shoutouts to all my "real peoples." I'm leaving, sorry. Peaceout.

Activities: Basketball, Track, Chess.

Keisha Thomas

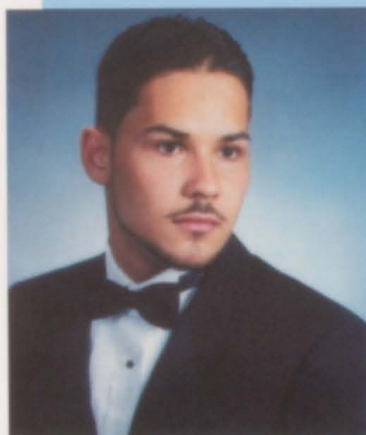
I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for motivating me and helping me strive for the best. I would also like to thank my grandparents and great grandparents for helping me learn through their experiences. Finally I want to thank Amiece and Ky for always telling me the truth.

Activities: Volleyball, Advanced Choir.



Luis Varela

Don't listen to gangsta rap, it will mess up your mind. Shoutout to all the wild cats, you know who you are. One love!



Jacklyn Vieira

"While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being." (Psalms 146:2) I'd like to thank God for blessing and guarding me with his angels. Thanks to my parents and Josh for always loving me. The c/o 2-2, for giving me memories to live by. Sup to Pun, Davion, Wok, Steph C, Twins, Wanko, and Josh.

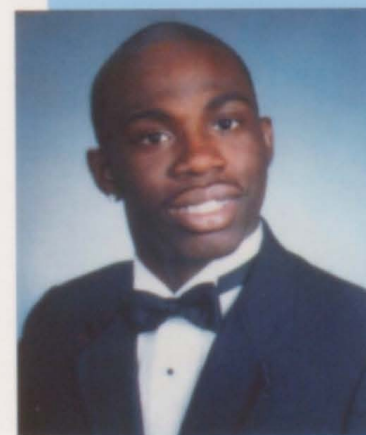
Activities: Bowling, Yearbook.



Johnny Watson Jr.

To the ones that I am cool with, I will miss you and hope that you have a successful life; keep it ghetto. I am going to stay black and die.

Activities: Basketball, Track.



Ruth Thompson

We have now come to the time where we part. Throughout these years you all have taught me much more than you will ever know. Never before have there been people like these in the class of 2002. Never will I encounter the same love and potential. Much love, Skittles. Activities: Volleyball, Student Council, Stage Crew, Newspaper.



Diomarys Ventura

Never allow yourself to be a victim, accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself. That's what I've been doing during these high school years, and I believe I've achieved my goal. Much appreciation and thanks for your blessings goes to my almighty Lord, dear mother and father, best friend, that special teacher and all my friends in the senior class.

Activities: Cheerleading.

China Washington

These four years I have been here I've really grown to love the c/o 2002. We are the best and I will never forget any of you. Love you and I'll miss you, China.



Kasim Wazeerud-Din

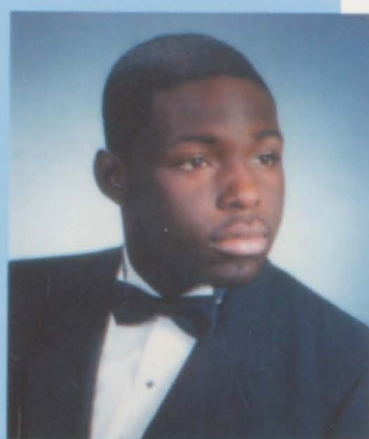
To all seniors and faculty, I will miss all of you with the exception of one or two. But to the majority, good luck in the future and to my closet friends keep in touch. Special thanks to my family and last but not least God. R.I.P. Mommy. Activities: Gospel Choir.



Raven Wilkins

I would like to say "bye- bye" and "I love you" to my mother and (like always) think of her when she's not in my presence. Later to my peeps and always stay real. A message to EVERYBODY.. pray I don't get hurt for life so I can live pain free!!

Activities: Cheerleading.



Michael Williams

After my departure of this home we know as "Arts", I'll move on to an institution of higher learning bettering myself for the future. I'm off the hook and I'll be that for the simple fact that I'm Dj Mic. So remember me, love me, and keep in touch. Holla!

Activities: Music Tech. Club



1. Quan Scott 2. Lottie Martin 3. Reynard Silver 4. Sharlim Jimenez 5. Rosa Mendez 6. Tavonna Harper 7. Jennifer Padilla 8. Diana Rosa 9. Felipe Rodriguez 10. McNeil David 11. Timothy Foster



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Missing Action

They're gone but
not Forgotten

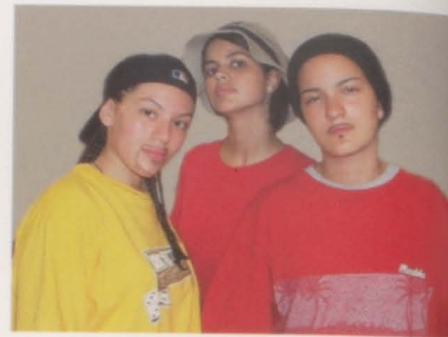
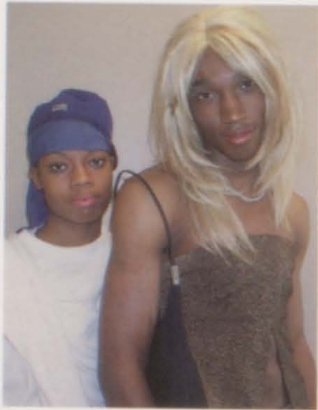
Who's, Who?

Kyle Graham enjoying himself as he smiles joyfully in his favorite women's apparel. Is it really his? Don't ask.



Limary Deleon, Katia Santos, and Esmeralda Nazario looking as rugged and tough as there counterparts.

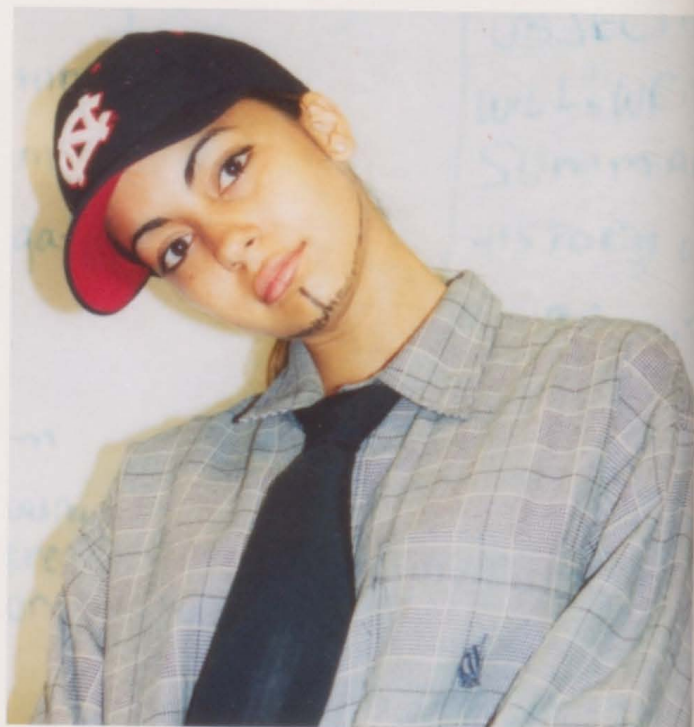
Here we see Walik "Drag Queen" Dozier and Latia "Rough" Strickland posing for the picture unwillingly.



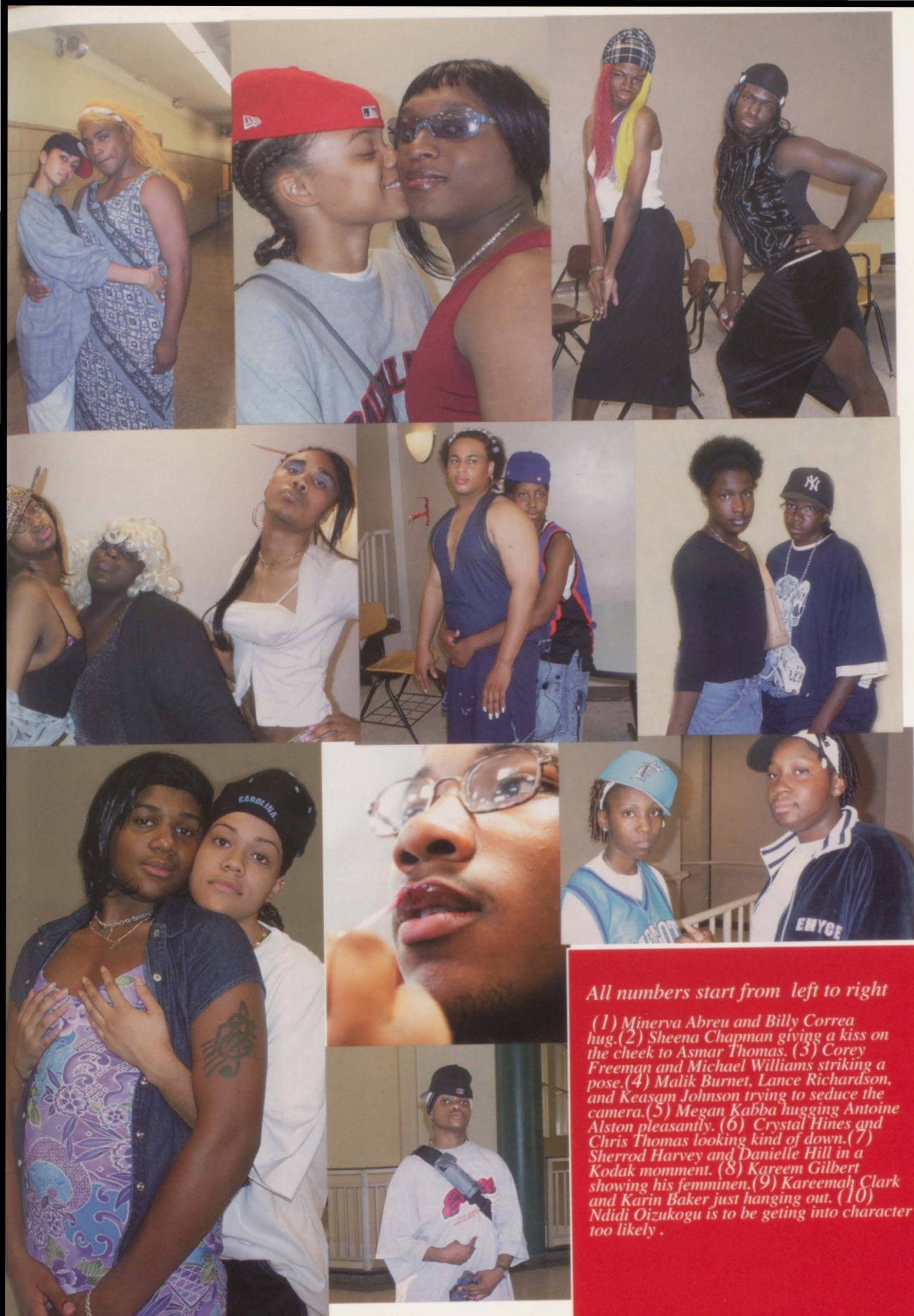
STRANGE SIGHTS

[This hilarious senior dress-up day had everyone wondering, who's wearing what?

Imagine waking up one morning and doing your usual routine of getting ready to go to school. Everything seems normal, right? Okay, you manage to drag your self to school, but what's this? Things don't seem quite right. Suzy suddenly looks like Sam and Jack resembles Jane. This is what happened on September 21, 2001 when the class of 2002 decides to spend a day in each others shoes. That day, the halls and classrooms became filled with fun and laughter as the senior girls and boys became the total opposite. The girls strutted into their classrooms with fitted caps and designer jeans. While the guys did their thing with the lacy bras and fitted jeans. Anticipation filled the halls of Arts High as the seniors were so anxious to see what their fellow classmates had in mind for the day. The females left their lady-like features at home and came to school as men. As for the guys, their soft, feminine sides came out as they put on their stockings, dresses, weaves, and lipstick. The guys played their roles right and the girls were right there with them. Everyone participated or helped in making this a special day. There were couples, blondes, or so called twins, and even some grandmothers. Even the boldest guys and the most fanciful girls participated in this event.



by Markita Caswell



All numbers start from left to right

(1) Minerva Abreu and Billy Correa hug. (2) Sheena Chapman giving a kiss on the cheek to Asmar Thomas. (3) Corey Freeman and Michael Williams striking a pose. (4) Malik Burnet, Lance Richardson, and Keasam Johnson trying to seduce the camera. (5) Megan Kabba hugging Antoine Alston pleasantly. (6) Crystal Hines and Chris Thomas looking kind of down. (7) Sherrod Harvey and Danielle Hill in a Kodak moment. (8) Kareem Gilbert showing his femminen. (9) Kareemah Clark and Karin Baker just hanging out. (10) Ndidi Oizukogu is to be getting into character too likely.

Top Right:

Shanniela Graham, Kasim Wazeerud-din, and Xavia Stokes looking fondly at the camera.



Bottom: Ladies lets make sure you change back to your "usual" self, you all seem too comfortable.



Right: Kareem A.K.A Kareemah gets around to all the fellas. Reemy you better protect yourself.

Left: Is Johnny the ugliest woman you ever saw or is it just me? But hold up Devvy got a "Fatty Gyr!"



Left: Is this Darselle or Darius? You choose.

Bottom: Jalila A.K.A Jalill and Donyea A.K.A Dont'e going to look for more than lunch. Mor like trouble.



Top Right: No No Mia don't fix it! Let Chris A.K.A Chrissie stay like that, because he's a laady!!

Left: Here we have all the fellas and the "First Lady."



Top Right: Freeeeee Feels. Hurry up!

Left: Oh my god is this the sexiest teacher in the school or what? What.



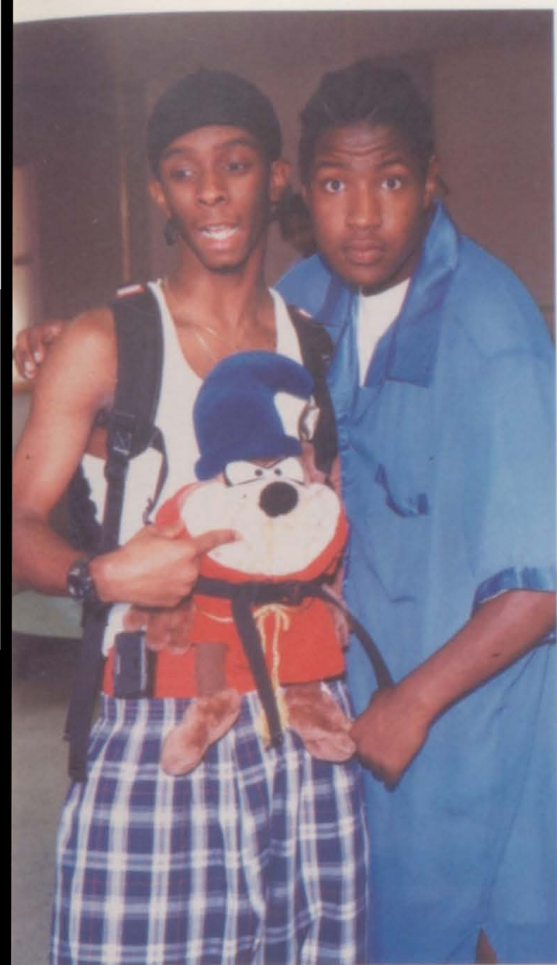
Diomarys Ventura, in her deep slumber, awaits to be awoken by a kiss from her prince.



This group of seniors really know how to cheese it for the camera. Wonder how quick these grins left their faces after the picture was taken.

What a couple! Jessica struts her bad self as she carresses her love bunny. She makes sure nobody messes with her piece.





Sweet Dreams

by: Markita Caswell and
Joaquin Martinez

Shhh !!! ... these seniors are sound asleep in their bedtime apparel. No doubt this is the effect of Mrs. Douglin's or Mr. Gardner's English and Drama courses! No ... just kidding. This is Pajama Day, seniors dress in their favorite night wear and their fuzziest slippers. They attend

classes as if ready for sleep. However they are as attentive as ever. It is very disconcerting to walk into a senior class and view groups of students hard at work and paying close attention while dressed in nighttime undies! Imagine seeing art majors creating at their easels or music majors playing instruments while wearing night gowns, nightshirts or pajamas with huge funny feet! The mission was to wear what you usually wear to bed but the class of 2002 took it a step

beyond. Seniors went out and bought pajamas and nightgowns as if we didn't know that's not what they usually wear to bed. However, we did it up. The pajamas ranged from silky nightgowns to cotton sweatpants. Even a nice pair of cozy slippers were appreciated. Senior's had their teddy bears and cartoon characters friends held tight as if back to the toddler stage. In ten more years this will truly be a day to remember. We will think about how we played around on pajama day and just enjoyed our last months being together as seniors. Situated at top of page, Kiyan Cady and Chris Thomas and to the left of them is Markita Caswell.

The senior students seized the opportunity to model all types of sleepwear. The fashion conscious females wore designer sleepwear while the males wore silk-boxer shorts and cotton pajamas.

Top Right: Sandwich! Marielle, Keasam, and Malik keepin' it tight even on Pajama Day.

Bottom Left: Is it 7:15 or 8:15, we look like we just rolled out of bed.



Middle Left: Too bad for Bugs. Looks like they were hunting for "whabbit."

Middle Right: Looks like Chris is trying to cop a feel. But it seems he's not gonna get any action.

Bottom Right: O.K what does Marielle, Mia, and Tasha find funny that Ashley and Latia doesn't.





Top Left: WOW!! Talk about hot stuff. Too bad Danny had to mess up the moment.

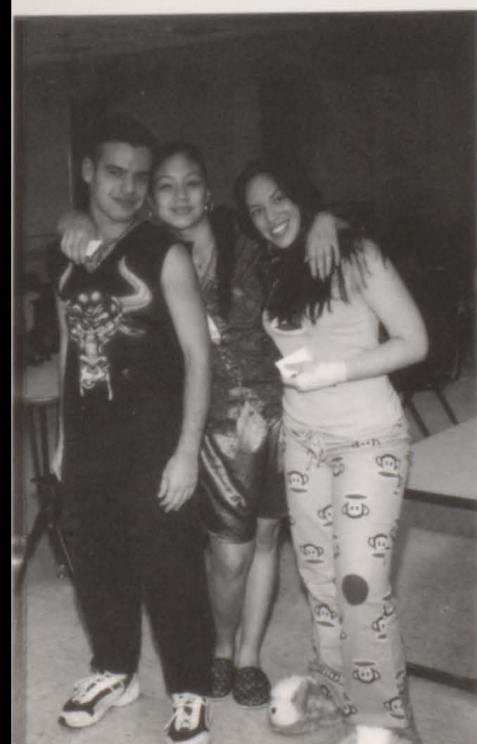


Top Right: Telling by the look on their faces one really hot babe just walked into the room.



Middle Right: Talk about when worlds collide. Lance vs. Johnathan. These two really give meaning to the term "Ready to Rumble."

Middle Left: Is it me or does Danny mess up EVERY picture.



Bottom Right: Wonder if they're ready for Broadway.

Bottom left: Adam uses his charm as he poses with the ladies. What he doesn't know is that there just using him to get another shot in the yearbook.

A Blast From The Past

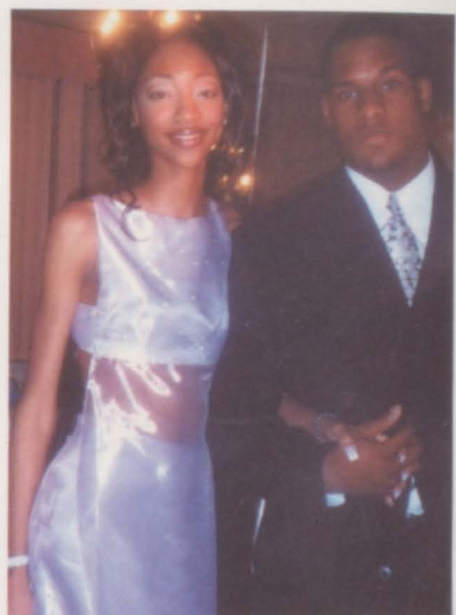
Junior Class Formal

It's the moment junior girls and guys waited for... some of them since their freshman year. This was their very first formal. The class of 2002 junior formal was held in June, at the Yankee Buffet in Union, New Jersey. It was a night that many of us will never forget. Elegant dresses and smart designer suits were quite noticeable. As we danced to the pulsating and subtle sounds, played by the DJ, we realized that we were no longer underclassmen. This was the night that we would be dancing our last dance as juniors. Everyone hit the floor when the Cha-Cha Slide was played. There wasn't a person occupying a seat. We laughed and partied until it was time for us to depart. This was somewhat of an emotional rollercoaster ride for some of us.

On one hand, we were ready to become seniors but on the other hand, we wanted to remain juniors. This lovely affair was made possible by our extraordinary advisors, Ms. Patricia Curvin and Mr. Kennis Fairfax. Their tireless effort and commitment made this affair a night to remember. The class of 2002 remain extremely indebted to them.

Below: Just some of the beautiful faces that were at the Junior Prom. Not too many of the fellas were out for pictures I guess? **Left:** Miss Tiffani Ratliff and date Mikael Oliver.

Bottom: Junior Prom King and Queen, Christopher Lighty and Crystal Frye. Real life couple!! Let's see how they do it for Senior Prom.



Miss Mia Appling



Miss Sheena Chapman



Miss Ayesha Davis



Miss Danielle Durant



Miss Sakeenah Baker



Left: Ana Cardenas, Danielle Durant, and Zainab Abdur-Raheem taking a break after all that dancing and eating.



Miss Nahleen Taylor and date



Miss Ndidi Onukogu and date



Miss Elizabeth Rosa



Miss Ana Cardenas



Miss Limary Deleon



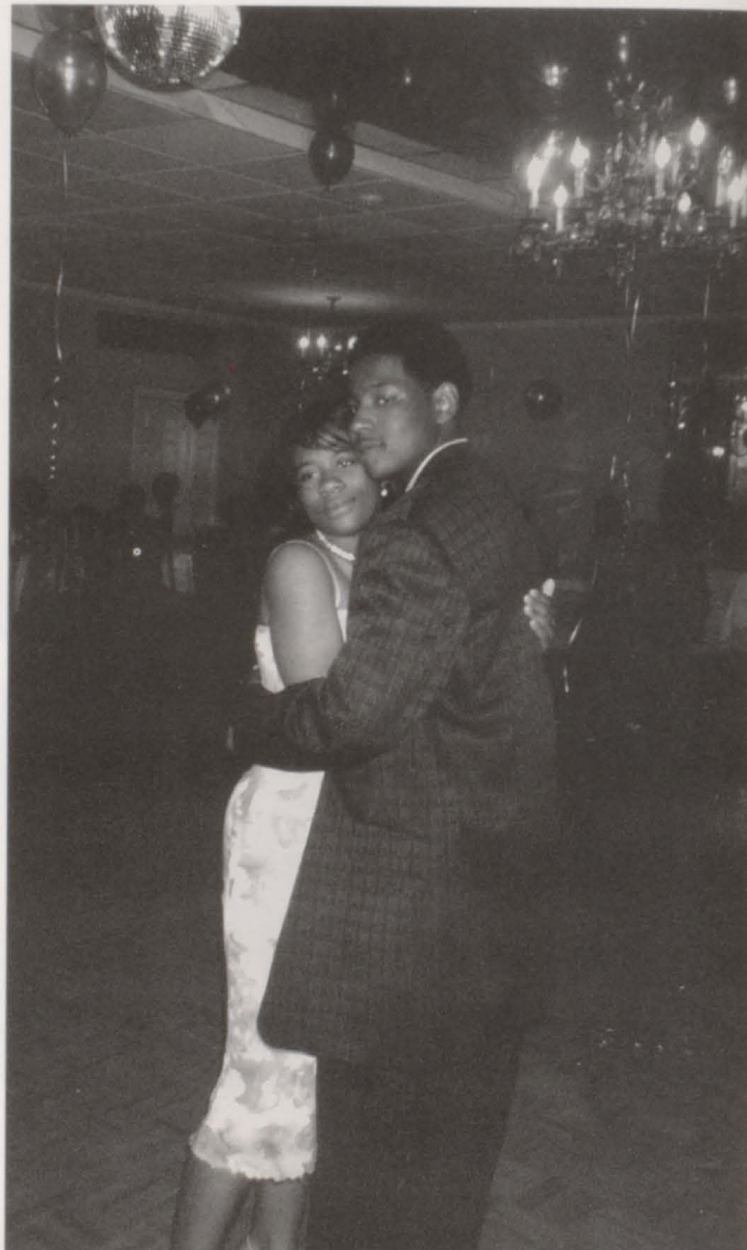
Miss Danielle Hill



Miss Ashley Morsey

Right: Natasha and Shacree holding each other close so both of them could squeeze into the picture.

Bottom: Elizabeth and Zainab seem to be all pooped out so they just decide to relax on the floor.



Left: Awwww! Look at Mia all cheezy for the camera.



Top: Sheena and her sexy chocolate date.

Right: Here we get a side of Tyeshia and Chris posing for someone else's picture.

Bottom: Isn't this what we like to see
faculty, parents, and teachers all put
together.

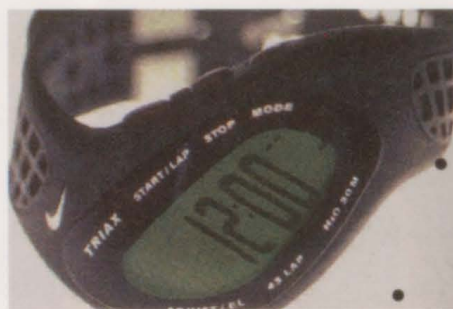


Bottom right: Having fun huh! Ivan,
Leymarie, Billy, and Andrea having a
great time at the Junior Prom.



Bottom left: Gone but not forgotten Rosa
Mendez poses with our own Malik Burnett.
Top right: We have the ladies of fame!!
Bottom right: O.K. some seem to be having
fun, some not-the night will still go on.

fashion



Watches: Guess, Fossil, Relic \$50-150, Rings: \$5-10, Coats: Mecca olive pattern \$100, Blue Asphalt \$62, Sweater : Ecko \$56, Pants: Z. Cavarky \$32, Bloomingdale's \$43, Kobetwo nylon pants \$45, Shoes: Nike and Adidas \$60-140, boots \$50-100, platforms \$30-120, black shoes \$12-20.

Clothing is more than just a body covering, it is an extension of ourselves. We found a sense of who we were in the clothes we wore. Some dressed just for comfort, others for style, many for popularity, but in the everchanging fashion scene, we searched for a way to fit in while expressing our own individuality. Whether we were spending \$200 for an outfit at Neiman Marcus or just 20 bucks at Express we strive to make an impression.



Feather Vest: Macy's \$65, Plaid Shirt: \$20-40, Long Sleeve: Headband \$15, Baseball Hats: sports \$20-30, Polo \$25, Timberland \$32, Jacket: Against All Odds \$149, Sweaters: print \$32, fleece \$28, Jacket: First Down \$175-250, Warm-up pants: Adidas \$30.

112 takes the stage as they lead this pack of ladies into one really hot performance.



“Celebrity is something that everyone strives for. This became quite evident on October 12th, when the senior class held its annual celebrity day. Hip-hop, reggae, rock and rap resounded from the school’s auditorium. The synocopated rhythms were enjoyed by the student body during their lunch periods. Celebrity impersonators included the sultry, Lil Kim, the dynamic rock group Linkin Park and the ever popular

celebrity day



Talk about getting into character! Latia lets loose her wild ways as she struts her stuff as Lil Kim. I guess Latia wants to make sure she's the center of attention.

DMX. Britney Spears and 112 even made a cameo appearance. The show was hosted by Keasam Johnson and Mia Appling, who impersonated AJ and Free.

Celebrity day was a lot of fun and the performances were generally well received by the student body.



Here we see AJ and Free, portrayed by Keasam and Mia. They really took control of the crowd as the hosts for the show.

106 And Arts

On this day most of the seniors transformed themselves into their favorite celebrity. Many of the students performed live in the auditorium during the lunch periods.

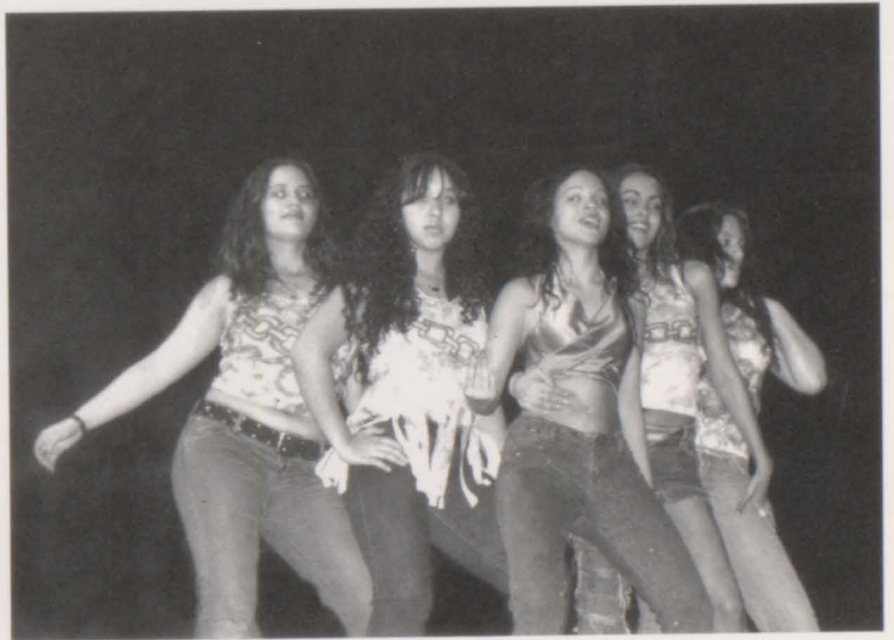


Scary

Maria really spooked up the halls as Wednesday Addams. Looks like she's gone cold turkey as she lays in the middle of the hall.



Big Pun and Tony Sunshine representing 100% Boricua. Wonder if the mood of the preformance was the same as the crowd.



Britney Spears heats up the show with her killer moves as she is surrounded by her lovely dancers. I'm sure they would be able to turn any guy into their slaves.

Bottom: Toooo Sexxy! The Ill No No, Foxy Brown a.k.a Darselle killing them out there with her outrageous performance.

Left: They call him U-S-H-E-R, SIKE!! Big head Kasim making all the ladies scream while being rubbed down by a lusting senior, Diana.



Bottom right: Here we have the making of the bootleg "Fatty Girl" video, we have "Skinny Girls." The ad must have read everyone **must** be under 98 pounds to audition.





Left: Mustafa got it going with his Goober head, performing "Who we Be," by DMX.

Bottom: Latia performs as Lil' Kim, while her dancers imitate all the latest dance moves found on videos.



Top Right: Nahleen doing her version of Janet Jackson's "I Get So Lonely," keep dancing like that Nahleen and you will never go lonely.

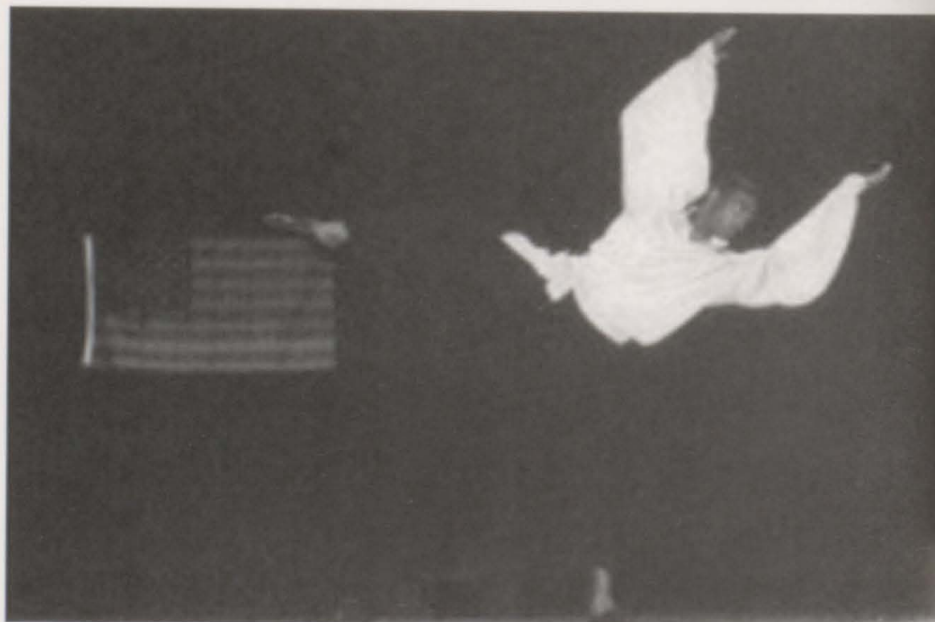
Top Left: Linkin Park and Sum 41 do their thing as they hit the audience with some hardcore ROCK!

Bottom Left: Danny does her version of Pink in "Lady Marmalade." You really had to be there to catch the rest of these ladies costumes, vvvery interesting!





Kiyanna Cox portrays a grandmother, telling a story to her grandchildren about the struggle of African Americans during the height of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950's. The program was both informative and entertaining. Below: Newark's bravest (Members of the Newark Fire Department). Middle Right: Marcel Coleman portrays Alvin Ailey.





victims of
bombing

Newark
Firefighters
reenact the
Birmingham
Church
bombing.



sunday

Chris
Lighty
reenacts
a Sunday
morning
worship
sermon
at the
Sixteenth
Street
Baptist
Church

Ms. Sherman presented the school with an African American History Month program, which expressed the students' adaptation of the beginning of time the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's. Reginald Charleston, junior was the program director while **Mr. Fairfax, Mr. Kruger, Mustafa Daniels, Phillip McKinney, Joshua Reyes** contributed their superb instrumental talents. **Lift Every Voice And Sing** was sung by **Jayro Rosado, Micheal Williams** and **Kasim Wazeerud-Din** which electrified the audience and set an upscale tone for the remainder of the show. Each scene continued to send you on a journey through time recapturing symbolic moments that helped shaped the creation, survival, and transitional conditions that were inhuman and mankind. Sophomore, **Sataway Naiedhat** recited **The Creation** by **James Weldon Johnson** while dancers demonstrated how the world was created and man (**Keasam Johnson**) became a living being. Senior **Lance Richardson** narrated the African American village scene.

*Song Birds
singing in the key
of praise for Black
History Month*



black history month

Seniors, **Creasha Bowman, Vanessa Charles** and **Jalila Brunson** sang songs of plantation life and slavery conditions. A reenactment of **Harriet Tubman** ignited the flame of slavery perseverance by junior, **Kiyanna Cox**. Freshman **Trojah Irby, Jessica Boyd** and Senior **Kasim Wazeerud-Din** delivered inspirational singing. **Tiffani Ratliff** sparked the audience with her rendition of **Josephine Baker** and the history of entertainment as freshman, **Marcel Coleman** danced and **Almeria Holt** recited **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**. Senior **Chris Lighty** and sophomore **Jasmine Thomas**, sang songs of changing times. **Malik Burnett** and **Keasam Johnson** read monologues of heroes of the past and the significance of the Black Church. Senior **Asmar Thomas** retold the history of sports past and present featuring **Tiger Woods**. **Chris Lighty** delivered the Sunday morning worship sermon while Newark's bravest (Newark Fire Department) reenacted the Sept. 15, 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. For the convenience of the audience, sophomore **Julissa Paniagua** presented a power point presentation of the Sophomore, **Philomon Cooper** sang our finale **We Fall Down But We Get Up** to express the continued determination of African Americans in the United States.



*Ms. Sherman
presented the
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African American
History Month
program*

Candid Camera

This year's finally over and we got a chance some "just because" shots. We got a chance to catch everyone off guard and show what a school day really consists of. These are the pictures you never really remembered taking!!!!

Top right: Sheena performing at the Peace Rally. **Middle:** Ebony laughing at lunch room conversation. **Bottom left:** Jasmine daydreaming about her future life.



Top right: Luis stops goofing around and does some real work. **Right:** Stephanie takes time to look at all the work she has to do.



Page 103; Top: Donyea looks for some nice material for her next piece. **Top middle:** Markita and Dajuan. **Top right:** Kasim tries to take a bite out of Xavica's pizza. **Left:** Mustafa plays a little something for the audience. **Far right:** Natasha and Shanniela crossover and become guys for a day. **Third left:** Gary concentrating. **Fourth left:** Crystal complaining. **Next:** Jessica and Breno on Pajama Day. **Last right:** Corinthia gets made-up by the make-up artist.

Top: "Burp!"... "Hey that's probably why I can't get a boyfriend"



Senior popularity poll



"Cutest Couple"
Christopher Lighty & Crystal Frye



"Most Changed"
Joshua Reyes & Ndidi Onokugu



"Nicest Smile"
Mariell Buquet & Michael Williams



"Most Tardy"
Dianna Rose & Asmar Thomas



"Most Athletic"
Megan Kabba & Johnny Watson



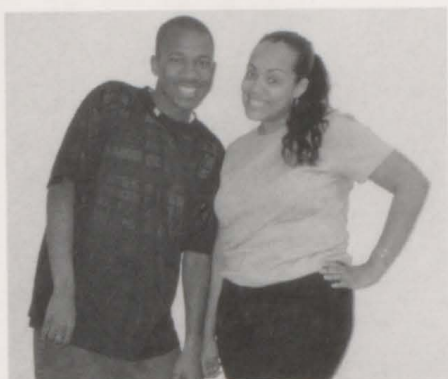
"Most Quiet"

Robert Pincay & Wilmarie Rodriguez



"Most Comical"

Dianna Rose, Keasam Johnson & Jessica Gonzalez



"Most Dramatic"

Kareem Gilbert & Corinthia Andrade



"Most Likely to Succeed"

Vanessa Charles & Jayro Rosado



"Most Fashionable"

Christopher Lighty & Mia Appling



"Most Outgoing"

Diomarys Ventura, Keasam Johnson, Malik Burnett & Asmar Thomas



"Most Absent"

Phillip McKinney & Keisha Thomas (Not Shown)



"Most Talkative"

Keisha Thomas & Malik Burnett



"Biggest Flirt"

Danielle Durant & Christopher Thomas

Left to Right: Ayesha Davis,
Danielle Hill, Ruthi Thompson,
and Danielle Durant.

During our time in High school we all searched for true friends. Someone we could connect with, relate to, trust, really get to know. A person to laugh and have fun with, and to cry and go through tough times with; someone to share our life with. Many of us found friends that would last a lifetime while others would just pass through our lives, but each friend we knew left a mark.

Our true friends struck with us through everything, from comforting us after having our heart broken, to fighting with our parents over our early curfew. They shared with us some of the greatest moments of our lives like getting our first car, turning sweet sixteen and finally graduating. Although it was more difficult to find friends like these, they stayed close to us because we were bound together by time and experi-



Above: Megan Kabba and Sharita
Rainey



Right: Ivan Bohorquez, Peter Darias,
Onel Lopez, and Joshua Reyes



Left: Mia Appling, Shanniela Graham, Natasha Byrd, and Latia Strickland



Bottom Left: Kiyan Cady, Johnny Watson, Chris Thomas, and Davion Carmen

ences. Even with the friends we only saw at school, we grew close with them through common experiences of the same classes and mutual friends. Even if we never kept in touch with them, they would always be remembered.

With all friends we learned about ourselves and they helped us discover who we were as people. We gave them a piece of ourselves and, in return, we received a piece of them.

friends

been best friends since

Whether you have
forever

kindergarten or you have just met, friendship

makes us feel complete.



Ivan, Jacky, Cecilia, and Adam



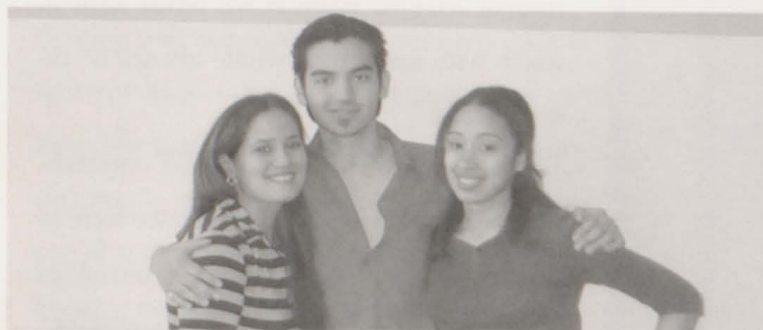
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Ayesha, Carolyn, and Raven



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Shanneila, Lance, Shacree, and Keasem



Vanessa, Creasha, Jalila, and Donyea



Creasha, Shacree, Sharita, and Carolyn



Keasam, Jessica and Malik



Stephanie, Carolyn, Jessica, and Darselle



Ashley, Xaviea, Toccara, and Crystal



Megan, Keisha, and Kareem



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Sharita, Jacky, and Markita

Who's Got Next!

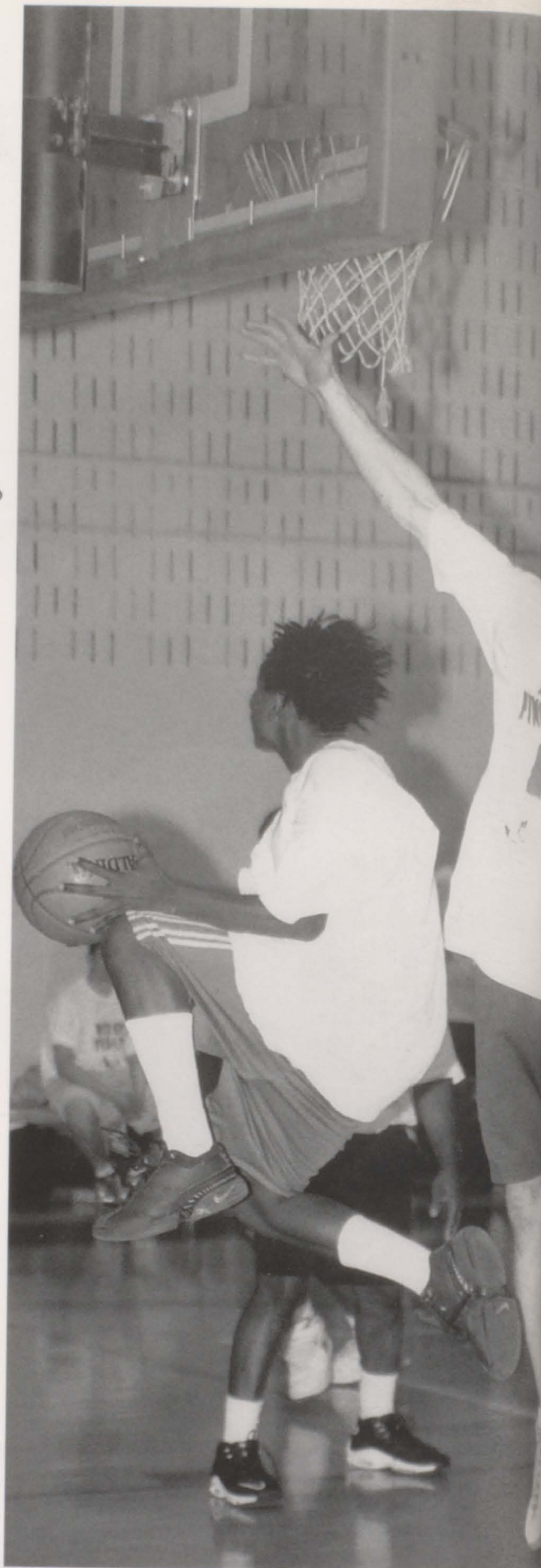
Faculty Remains The Reigning
Champions of The Court

Right: Freshman player is going to
get his shot blocked by Mr. Hahn.

Right: Mr. Fuller attempts to
elude the defender. Below:
Several players prepare to go
up strong for an offensive
rebound.



Right: Mr. Fairfax goes for a
lay-up after beating the
opposing team down the
court.



With six seconds left on the clock, Mr. Norfleet, calmly stepped to the foul line and sank two free throws. This was the coup de grace for the students. For the seventh year the faculty was victorious over the students.

The annual student vs. faculty game was a back and forth affair for four quarters. The ageless faculty demonstrated to the students and the spectators that they weren't to be taken lightly. They dazzled the students with deft passing and magnificent shooting.

Coach Suliman had a hard time getting playing time for at least forty students.

The students had valiant efforts from Phillip McKinney, Michael Jordan and their ultimate weapon Lance Richardson, but they still fell short by two points. The faculty is now offering the challenge to the class of 2003.



Above: The ageless faculty members battle several students for the rebound. The faculty secured the rebound on this play.



The Victorious Team

Back Row: Hahn, Fuller, Fairfax, Fazio, Norfleet Front Row: Glen, Petty, Lopes, Freire, Argul

Left: The faculty members pose for a picture before the game. They are beaming with confidence.



The Students Team

Above: Coach Suliman and his forty member student basketball team.

Check out Ivan Bohorquez gettting in touch with nature. By the looks of things he must have been a wild kid.

Markita Caswell looking as pretty as a little eskimo. This girl is pretty far from Alaska living in Newark.



Youth



Jacklyn Vieira just chillin in her rocking chair. At an early age she was already a heart breaker.

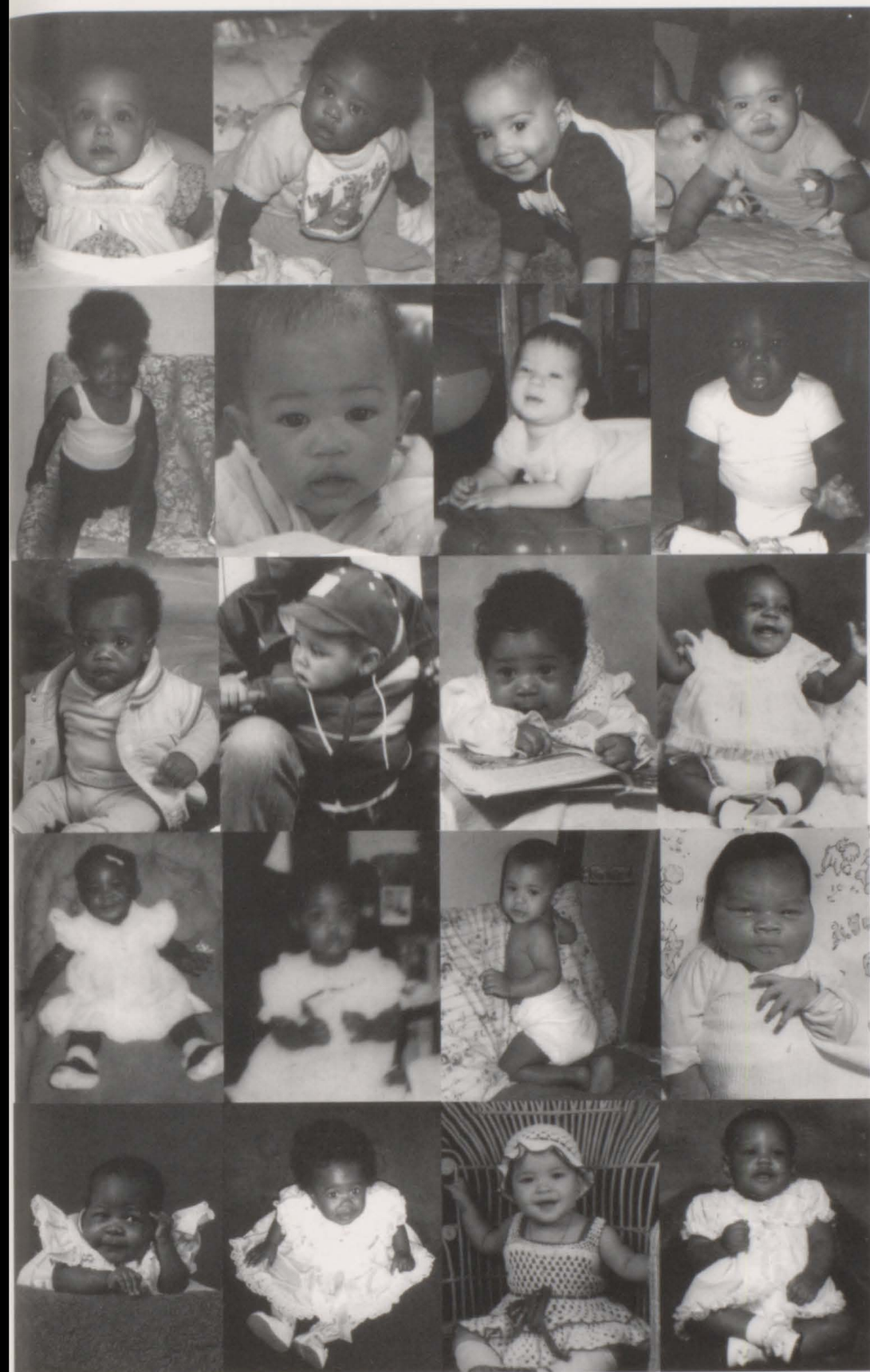
By the look of Adam De Oliveira's face seems like he just had an accident. If you know what I mean.



The Way We Were

This is how we looked in our infant and pre-school years. With our parent's love and support we will be able to persevere and became productive young men and young women.





Shacree Ferguson
Kasim Wazeerud-Din
Corinthia Andrade
Stephanie Beniot
Mark Clark II
Danielle M. Hill

Phillip Mckinney
Mariell Buquet
Davion Carmen
Jamila Jordan
Wilmarie Rodriguez
Michael Williams Jr.

Corey Freeman
Karin Rodriguez
Christopher A. Lighty
Dujan Caldwell
Crystal Frye
Danielle Siobhan Durant

Ana Maria Cardenas
Catia Santos
Nahleen Taylor
China Marie Washington
Tiffany Lee
Keasam Johnson

SonjaRose Mendez
Malik Burnett
Donyea Boyd
Yakimah Talisha Singleton
Elizabeth Rosa
Toccara Labady

Minerva Abreu
Jasmine Santana
Esmeralda Nazario
Leymarie Deleon



Mia Appling
Tiffani Ratliff
Ashley Marie Conte
Quanisa Briggs



Ashely Morse
Natasha Byrd
Creasha Bowman
Magan Kabba



Gary Carr
Peter Darias
Luis Varela
Asmar Thomas



Jalila Brunson
Raven Wilkins
Sherrod Harvey
Yolanda Johnson





Johnny Watson
Jessica Gonzalez
Stephanie Comacho
Lissette Colon



Kyle Graham
Andrea Rodriguez
Carolyn Cato
Joshua Reyes



Mercedes Padilla
Ruth Thompson
Zahrah Abdur-Raheem
Maria Fresco

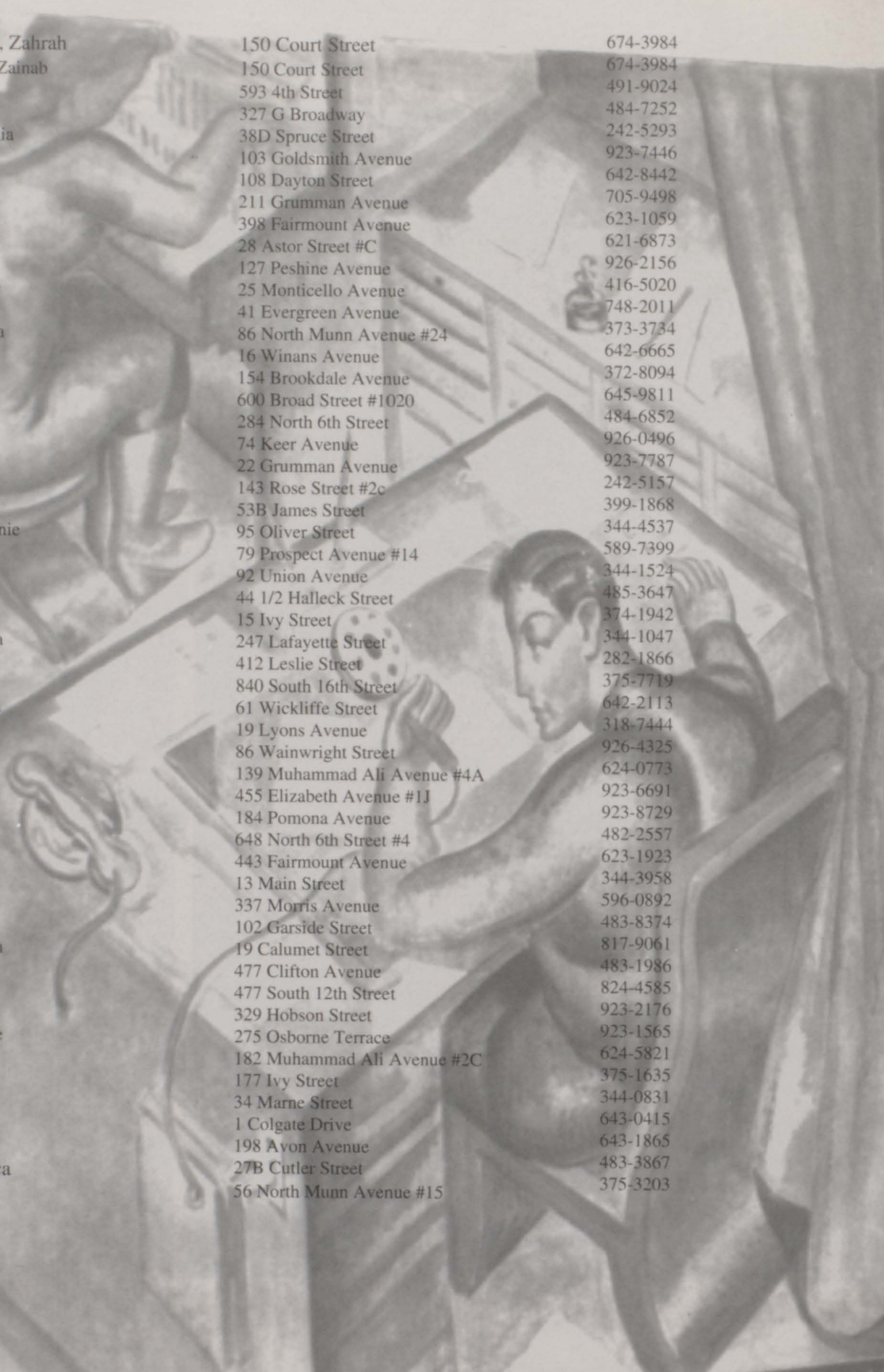


Ayesha Davis
Latia Strickland
Christopher Thomas
Sakeenah Baker



Carolyn Milton
Zainab Abdur-Raheem
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Ivette Hernandez

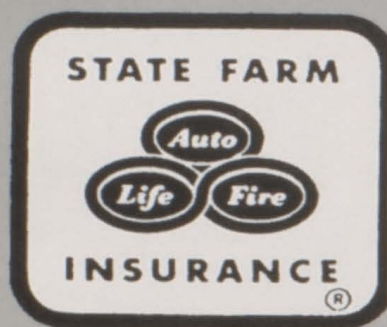
Student Directory



Abdur-Raheem, Zahrah	150 Court Street	674-3984
Abdur-Raheem, Zainab	150 Court Street	674-3984
Abreu, Minera	593 4th Street	491-9024
Alston, Antoine	327 G Broadway	484-7252
Andrade, Corinthia	38D Spruce Street	242-5293
Appling, Mia	103 Goldsmith Avenue	923-7446
Austin, Toni	108 Dayton Street	642-8442
Baker, Karin	211 Grumman Avenue	705-9498
Baker, Sakeenah	398 Fairmount Avenue	623-1059
Battle, Alicia	28 Astor Street #C	621-6873
Bell, Rijohn	127 Peshine Avenue	926-2156
Benoit, Stephanie	25 Monticello Avenue	416-5020
Bohorquez, Ivan	41 Evergreen Avenue	748-2011
Bowman, Creasha	86 North Munn Avenue #24	373-3734
Boyd, Donyea	16 Winans Avenue	642-6665
Briggs, Quanesia	154 Brookdale Avenue	372-8094
Brunson, Jalila	600 Broad Street #1020	645-9811
Buquet, Mariell	284 North 6th Street	484-6852
Burnett, Malik	74 Keer Avenue	926-0496
Byrd, Natasha	22 Grumman Avenue	923-7787
Cady, Kiyan	143 Rose Street #2c	242-5157
Caldwell, Dajuan	53B James Street	399-1868
Camacho, Stephanie	95 Oliver Street	344-4537
Cardenas, Ana	79 Prospect Avenue #14	589-7399
Cardia, Breno	92 Union Avenue	344-1524
Carmon, Davion	44 1/2 Halleck Street	485-3647
Carr, Gary	15 Ivy Street	374-1942
Carvalho, Cristina	247 Lafayette Street	344-1047
Caswell, Markita	412 Leslie Street	282-1866
Cato, Carolyn	840 South 16th Street	375-7719
Chapman, Sheena	61 Wickliffe Street	642-2113
Charles, Vanessa	19 Lyons Avenue	318-7444
Clark, II Mark	86 Wainwright Street	926-4325
Clark, Kareemah	139 Muhammad Ali Avenue #4A	624-0773
Colon, Lissette	455 Elizabeth Avenue #1J	923-6691
Conte, Ashley	184 Pomona Avenue	923-8729
Correa, Billy	648 North 6th Street #4	482-2557
Daniels, Mustafa	443 Fairmount Avenue	623-1923
Darias, Peter	13 Main Street	344-3958
Davis, Ayesha	337 Morris Avenue	596-0892
DeLeon, Limary	102 Garside Street	483-8374
DeOliveira, Adam	19 Calumet Street	817-9061
Diaz, Lorenzo	477 Clifton Avenue	483-1986
Dozier, Walik	477 South 12th Street	824-4585
Durant, Danielle	329 Hobson Street	923-2176
Ferguson, Shacree	275 Osborne Terrace	923-1565
Fitch, Alonzo	182 Muhammad Ali Avenue #2C	624-5821
Freeman, Corey	177 Ivy Street	375-1635
Fresco, Maria	34 Marne Street	344-0831
Frye, Crystal	1 Colgate Drive	643-0415
Gilbert, Kareem	198 Avon Avenue	643-1865
Gonzalez, Jessica	27B Cutler Street	483-3867
Graham, Kyle	56 North Munn Avenue #15	375-3203

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Graham, Shanniela	64 Telford Street	371-0710
Harvey, Sherrod	201 2nd Street	481-2093
Hayes, Tyeshia	225 Pomona Avenue	923-5872
Hernandez, Ivette	55 2nd Avenue	483-2031
Hill, Danielle	307 South 11th Street	622-3257
Hines, Crystal	4 Krueger Court	424-1961
Hodges, Ebony	73 Hedden Terrace	824-3050
Hoffman, Jonathan	73 Girard Place	375-4824
Jean, Jordenson	169 Ellery Avenue #2	375-6690
Johnson, Keasam	225 Hunterdon Street #5E	824-3631
Johnson, Yolanda	349 Goldsmith Avenue	926-1487
Jordan, Jamila	16 Beverly Street	374-0632
Jurado, Cecilia	102 New York Avenue	466-9268
Kabba, Megan	127 Jelliff Avenue	242-5353
Labady, Toccare	763 King Blvd	297-0101
Lee, Tiffany	737 South 14th Street	643-7024
Lighty, Christopher	82 Schuyler Avenue	926-3061
Lopez, Onel	54 Irving Street	484-0021
Marques, Soraya	5 South 11th Street	483-4322
Martin, Lottie	708 Mt. Prospect Avenue	481-1762
Martinez, Joaquin	87 Hanford Street	642-5104
McKinney, Phillip	384 South 6th Street	642-5431
Mendez, Sonja Rose	405 North 6th Street	483-4036
Milfort, Darselle	223 Stuyvesant Avenue	497-7118
Milton, Carolyn	3 Vincent Court	374-4419
Morse, Ashley	360 Seymour Avenue	589-4222
Moscone, Antonio	70 James Street	391-0889
Nasser, Hussein	48 Lincoln Avenue	824-5607
Nazario, Esmeralda	32 Riverview Place #1B	485-2555
Onukogu, Ndidi	142 Ivy Street	344-5421
Padilla, Mercedes	581 Ridge Street	485-1542
Pincay, Robert	258 Ridge Street	484-3043
Rainey, Sharita	55 Willoughby Street	643-3044
Ratliff, Tiffani	119 Church Terrace #2B	242-8785
Reyes, Joshua	94 Oliver Street	491-0379
Richardson, Lance	771 King Blvd	242-7088
Rodriguez, Andrea	95-97 Parker Street #7	485-5598
Rodriguez, Felipe	47 Parkhurst Street	642-4341
Rodriguez, Karin	457 Lake Street	481-0780
Rodriguez, Wilmarie	588 Broadway	482-2522
Rosa, Elizabeth	483 Roseville Avenue	483-3530
Rosado, Jayro	30 Manchester Place	481-4624
Rose, Diana	291 Wainwright Street #4	705-3179
Santana, Jasmine	50 Chester Avenue	481-6173
Santos, Catia	404 Chestnut Street #35	578-2765
Serrano, Daniel	23 Johnson Avenue #2B	643-4345
Singleton, Yakima	122 Littleton Avenue	733-2199
Stokes, Xaviea	73 Hedden Terrace	874-1323
Strickland, Latia	195 First Street #18C	484-9477
Taylor, Nahleen	112 Prince Street #3A	639-0713
Thomas, Asmar	119 Dewey Street	923-2332
Thomas, Christopher	59 Norwood Street	926-9031
Thomas, Keisha	46 Baldwin Avenue	824-1959
Thompson, Ruth	21 Mead Street	373-5424
Varela, Luis	405 North 7th Street	481-4430
Ventura, Diomarys	94 South 8th Street	643-0919
Vieira, Jacklyn	60 East Kinney Street	643-2813
Washington, China	33 Bragaw Avenue	923-7194
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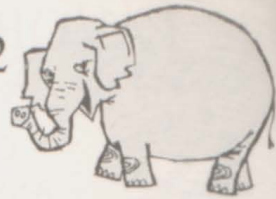
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Love to You All,
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Asmar

No one knows what life holds or has in store what road to travel or how it will turn out remember you have us, I know its scary sometimes but no matter where we are what where doing we'll always have time for you. You're special and will always have a place in our hearts you'll never be alone and always have us to care about you.

Love Mom, Dad, Allen

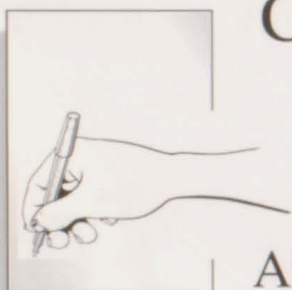


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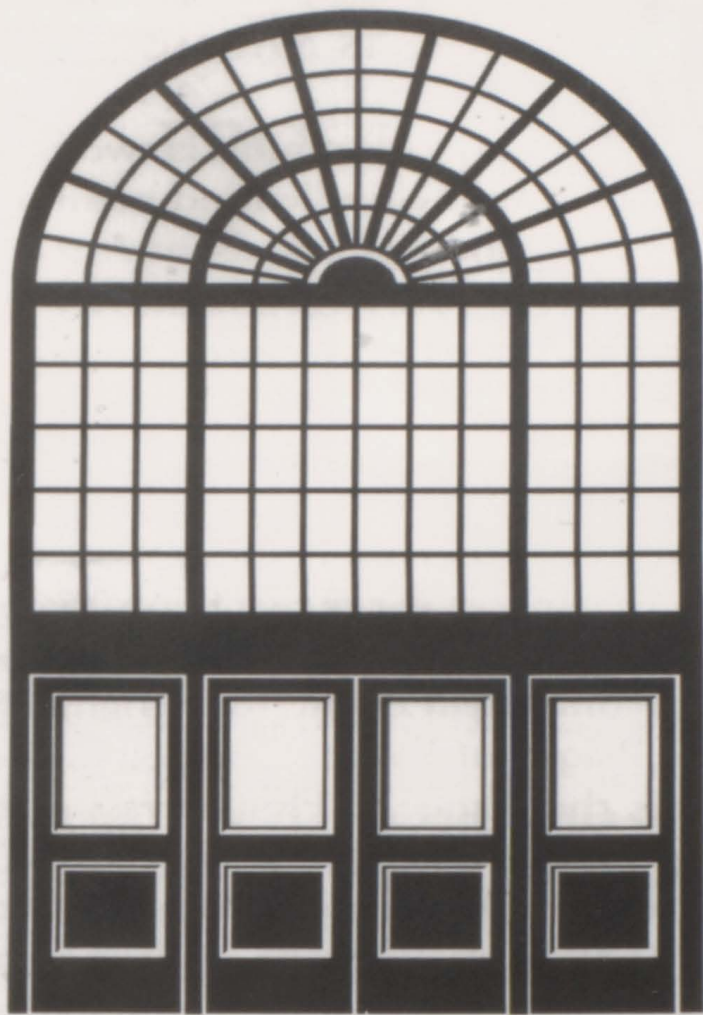
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Dedicated and creative are the best words to describe this year's Vignette yearbook staff. Under the direction of Mr. Robert A. Fuller the staff has come up with a unique production. They have accentuated the positive and managed to include all who were interested in being included. Their hard work and aesthetic ideas have produced a most timeless treasure.

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Markita Caswell, Writer/Typist



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Ivan Bohorquez



Above: Adam DeOliveira, Layout
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Mr. Robert A. Fuller, Yearbook Advisor





YEAR IN REVIEW

01-02

Much like Dec. 7, 1941 (the attack on Pearl Harbor), Sept. 11, 2001 also became "a day that will live in infamy."

At 8:48 a.m., a hijacked American Airlines commercial jetliner crashes into one of New York City's World Trade Center towers. At 9:05, a second plane crashes into the second tower.

As people try to evacuate, the impact and heat from the crash cause the first tower to tumble to the ground in enormous clouds of smoke and debris. The second tower collapses shortly thereafter, leaving nothing but ash, rubble and destruction for miles where one of our nation's greatest landmarks once stood.

America Under Attack



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▲ At 9:40 a.m., a third hijacked plane flies into the Pentagon, and within the hour, a fourth crashes near a wooded area in western Pennsylvania. More than 4,200 lives are lost in total.

▲ The hijackings are part of an intended multitude of terrorist attacks on America headed by Islamic radical and wanted terrorist leader Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda terrorist network. Bin Laden had been making open threats against America for several years, demanding the U.S. withdraw from the Middle East.

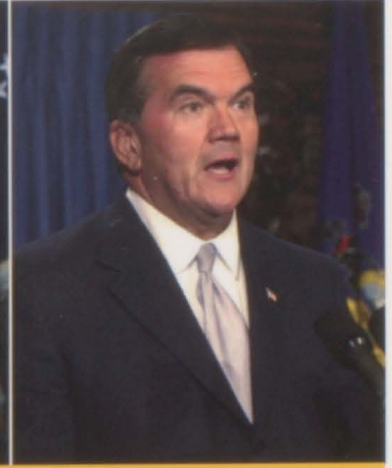
"Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack..."

Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror...The

pictures...have filled us with... terrible sadness and a quiet, unyielding sense of anger."



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In an address to the nation, President George W. Bush ▲ demands Afghanistan's ruling party (the Taliban) hand over bin Laden. The Taliban attempts to negotiate the United States' demand, saying they will not cooperate without evidence of bin Laden's involvement in the attacks. Bush states the demand is non-negotiable, and the U.S. will take retaliatory action against Afghanistan if they refuse to hand bin Laden over.

Airlines around the world suffer major setbacks, many declaring bankruptcy. Congress approves an airline assistance package that includes \$15 billion in financial aid and a victim's compensation fund to limit expensive lawsuits that might bankrupt airlines like American and United.

▲ Former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge is appointed by President Bush to head the newly created Office of Homeland Security Cabinet post, which involves coordinating and creating a strategic plan for homeland defense against future terrorist attacks.

"And tonight, the United States makes the following demands on the Taliban...These demands are not open to negotiation or discussion...This is the world's fight...the fight of all who believe in progress...tolerance, and freedom...We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, our courage. We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail."

How Will You Remember?

How did your school respond when news came of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks?

- | | |
|--|-----|
| a. We watched the news on TV from classrooms | 84% |
| b. An assembly was held | 5% |
| c. We were sent home | 1% |
| d. Other | 10% |



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Have you followed news coverage of America's War on Terrorism?

- | | |
|---|-----|
| a. I read up on everything since Sept. 11 | 12% |
| b. I know about the major stuff | 70% |
| c. I really don't follow the news | 18% |

Do you think President Bush is doing a good job?

- | | |
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| Yes | 84% |
| No | 16% |

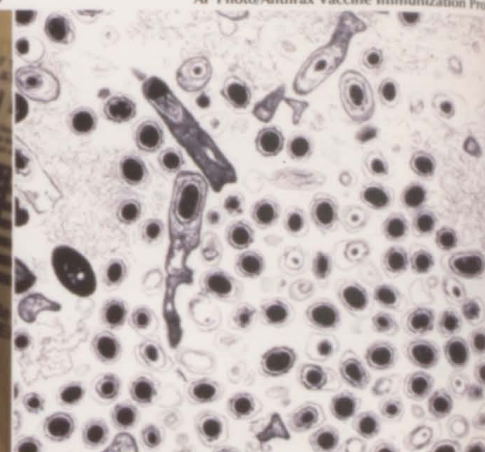
I remember feeling _____ when I heard the news.

I hope _____ is elected the next U.S. President.

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)



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President Bush announces plans to starve terrorist groups of all money, and signs an order to freeze all U.S. assets of suspected terrorists, ordering financial institutions do the same.

▲ After repeated refusals from the Taliban to turn over bin Laden, the U.S. and allied British forces begin launching air strikes on Afghan cities, military targets and terrorist camps.

▲ The U.S. continues bombing Afghan cities, while at the same time dropping food packages, called Humanitarian Daily Rations (or HDRs), from planes to help Afghan refugees at risk for starvation.

The World Health Organization warns Western governments to be on the alert for attacks using chemical and biological warfare.

▲ A 63-year-old employee at the American Media building in Florida dies from inhalation anthrax, a potential agent for use in biological warfare. Several other American Media employees also test positive for anthrax.

Names in the News — People —

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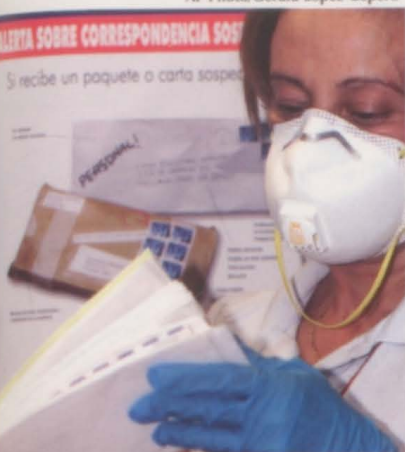
◀ **Osama bin Laden** is the leader of al Qaeda, a worldwide network of terrorists, and is America's most wanted terrorist suspect. Born in Saudi Arabia to a wealthy Yemeni family, bin Laden became an Islamic fundamentalist and turned against Saudi Arabia and the U.S. after working with the Afghan resistance against the former Soviet Union in 1979.

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◀ **Mullah Mohammed Omar** was the supreme leader of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban. Rarely ever photographed, Omar fought beside bin Laden in Afghan resistance to Soviet occupation. He created the Taliban in the early 1990s to put an end to the chaos in Afghanistan and transformed it into what he envisioned as the purest Islamic state in the world.

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▲ The discovery of letters containing anthrax in several states other than Florida (including D.C., N.J., N.Y., Ind., Mo., and Va.) raises the fear of bioterrorism. Traces of anthrax turn up in postal facilities around the country, and two Washington, D.C. postal workers die from the inhalation variety of the bacteria. Authorities are unable to pinpoint the letters' source, and are unsure whether they are connected to the al Qaeda terrorist attacks.

President Bush signs an anti-terrorism bill into law, giving police and intelligence agencies new powers against terrorism, including stronger penalties for harboring or financing terrorists, an increase in the number of crimes considered terrorist acts and tougher punishments for committing them. The bill also gives police new rights to secretly search people's homes and business records and to eavesdrop on suspect telephone or computer conversations.

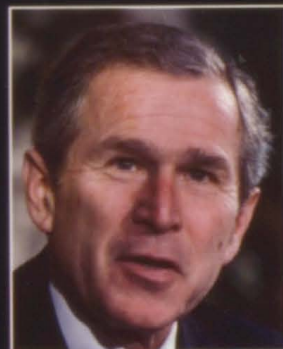
▲ The Northern Alliance, a rebel faction opposing the Taliban regime, captures Kabul (Afghanistan's capital city) after the Taliban, devastated from U.S. and British airstrikes, pull out of the city.

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Former Afghanistan President **Burhanuddin Rabbani** was recognized by most world governments as the country's legitimate ruler, even during the Taliban's reign. A former professor of Islamic law at Kabul University, he was forced out of power in 1996 by the Taliban, and has since led the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance.

George W. Bush: 43rd U.S. President ▶

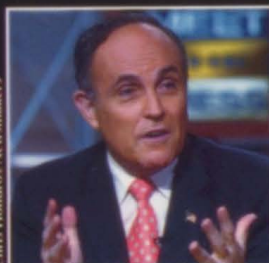


Mark Wilson/Getty Images

Tony Blair is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, one of the United States' strongest allies. Blair was the first to declare the U.K. at war with terrorism alongside the U.S. ▶



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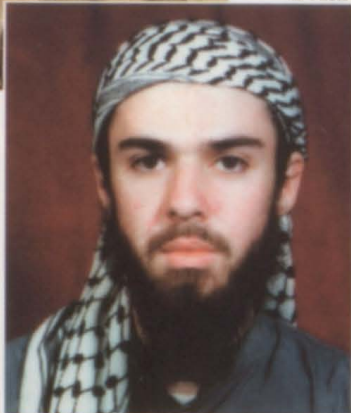
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Rudy Giuliani: Mayor of New York City during the Sept. 11 attacks ◀

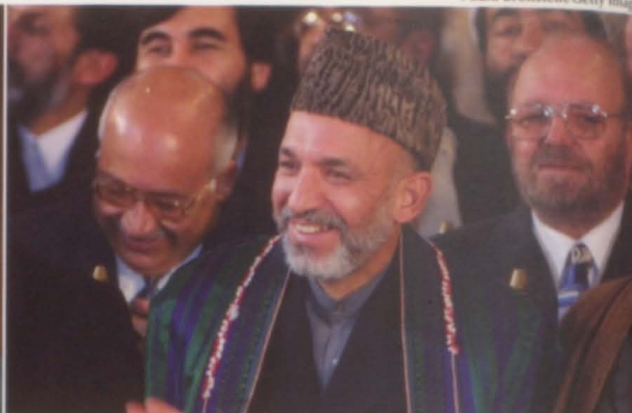


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The Bush Administration faces accusations from many that the array of new tactics implemented with the anti-terrorism bill, including military tribunals (trials held in secret in which the judges are military officers, a two-thirds vote is enough to convict, and there is no need for proof beyond a reasonable doubt), are the worst infringement on civil liberties in decades.

▲ About 1,000 U.S. Marines move into Afghanistan to tighten the squeeze on remaining Taliban and al Qaeda leaders by limiting their movements from Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city and center of trade.

The Taliban surrenders the city of Kandahar, their last major stronghold. The city falls to looters after the last Taliban fighters flee the area.

▲ An American is discovered among Taliban prisoners after a violent prison revolt that killed hundreds of the prisoners as well as an American CIA officer. John Walker Lindh, a 20-year-old non-Afghan Taliban fighter (originally from California), said he joined the Taliban six months earlier after converting to Islam and "jihadi" (fighter of holy wars). Walker is returned to the U.S. to face four criminal charges, including conspiracy to kill Americans abroad. Prosecutors consider other evidence that could carry the death penalty.

▲ Hamid Karzai is named the Prime Minister of Afghanistan's interim government. The title is passed to him by former Afghanistan president, Mullah Mohammed Omar, marking the first peaceful transfer of power in Afghanistan in more than two decades.

Names in the News

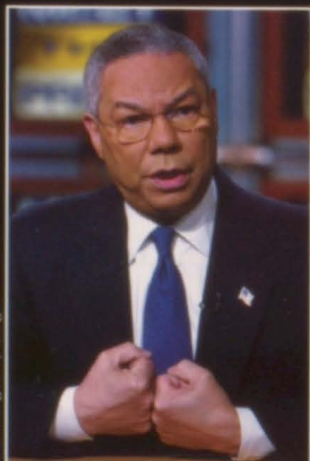
People (continued)

Colin Powell: U.S. Secretary of State ▶

John Ashcroft: U.S. Attorney General ▼



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Donald Rumsfeld: U.S. Defense Secretary ▶

Condoleezza Rice: U.S. National Security Adviser ▼



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▲ A videotape is acquired by the Pentagon, showing Osama bin Laden boasting of his involvement in the Sept. 11 attacks, and rejoicing in the level of devastation "achieved" by the terrorists aboard the planes, some of whom did not even know what kind of mission they were on until they boarded the planes.

British citizen Richard Reid ▲ boards trans-Atlantic American Airlines Flight 63, and attempts to light explosives hidden in his shoes. He is subdued immediately by passengers and crew members, and sedated. The plane diverts to Boston, where Reid is arrested. He is later charged on nine counts, and it is discovered he received training in al Qaeda terrorist camps.

The U.S. military ▲ sends al Qaeda prisoners to a prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The detainees are questioned for information pertaining to the Sept. 11 attacks, the whereabouts of bin Laden and other attacks that may have been planned.

As the war on terrorism continues, the U.S. rallies the support of the international community. Taking the intelligence gained from prisoners as well as investigations at home, America turns attention to other terrorist havens around the world, such as Abu Sayyaf, a terrorist group in the Philippines allegedly connected with the al Qaeda network. ■

Groups

International Front for Fighting Jews and Crusades

This is a large coalition of groups dedicated to killing Americans and destroying U.S. interests worldwide. It was formed by Osama bin Laden in 1998, and includes al Qaeda (also founded by bin Laden), a network of small terrorist cells operating independently around the world, dedicated to overthrowing Middle Eastern rulers and removing westerners from Muslim countries.

The International Front is partnered with the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, or "Al Jihad." This group was established in the 1970s with the aim of overthrowing the Egyptian government and setting up an Islamic state. The group's leadership is divided between those who favor violent means and those who favor more peaceful means, particularly against U.S. targets.

Northern Alliance

The Northern Alliance is an Afghanistan rebel faction that has actively opposed the Taliban for five years. Prior to the fall of the Taliban, the Northern Alliance claimed five percent of Afghanistan, while the Taliban controlled the other 95 percent.

Abu Sayyaf

Abu Sayyaf is a smaller Islamist group fighting to establish an Iranian-style Islamic state in Mindanao, an island in the southern Philippines. The group, whose name means, "Bearer of the Sword," has ties to a number of Islamic fundamentalist organizations around the world, including Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda and Ramzi Yousef, an individual convicted of organizing the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City. Abu Sayyaf has a membership of approximately several hundred young Islamic radicals, many of whom were recruited from universities and high schools.

I.S.A.F. (Internal Security Assistance Force)

Also called the "peacekeepers," the I.S.A.F. was developed after the collapse of the Taliban to help keep peace in Afghanistan during the interim government's establishment. The peacekeepers consist of British Royal Marines as well as troops sent in by France.



AP Photo/Kevin Frayer

England's Liverpool Airport was renamed the Liverpool John Lennon Airport in honor of late Beatles member John Lennon. It is the first UK airport to be named after an individual.

AP Photo/Paul Barker



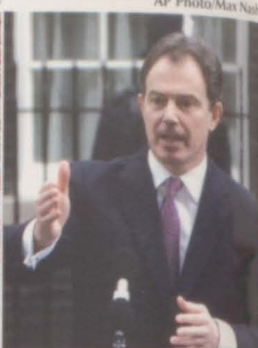
The collision with a Chinese fighter jet and subsequent landing of a U.S. spy plane on the Chinese island of Hainan raised tensions between the U.S. and China. Through careful negotiations between American and Chinese officials, the U.S. crew, held captive for 11 days, was finally released, and the remains of the plane were returned to the U.S.

AP Photo/Anat Givon



Labor Party leader Tony Blair was reelected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, marking the first time in the Labor Party's 100-year history that a candidate was reelected.

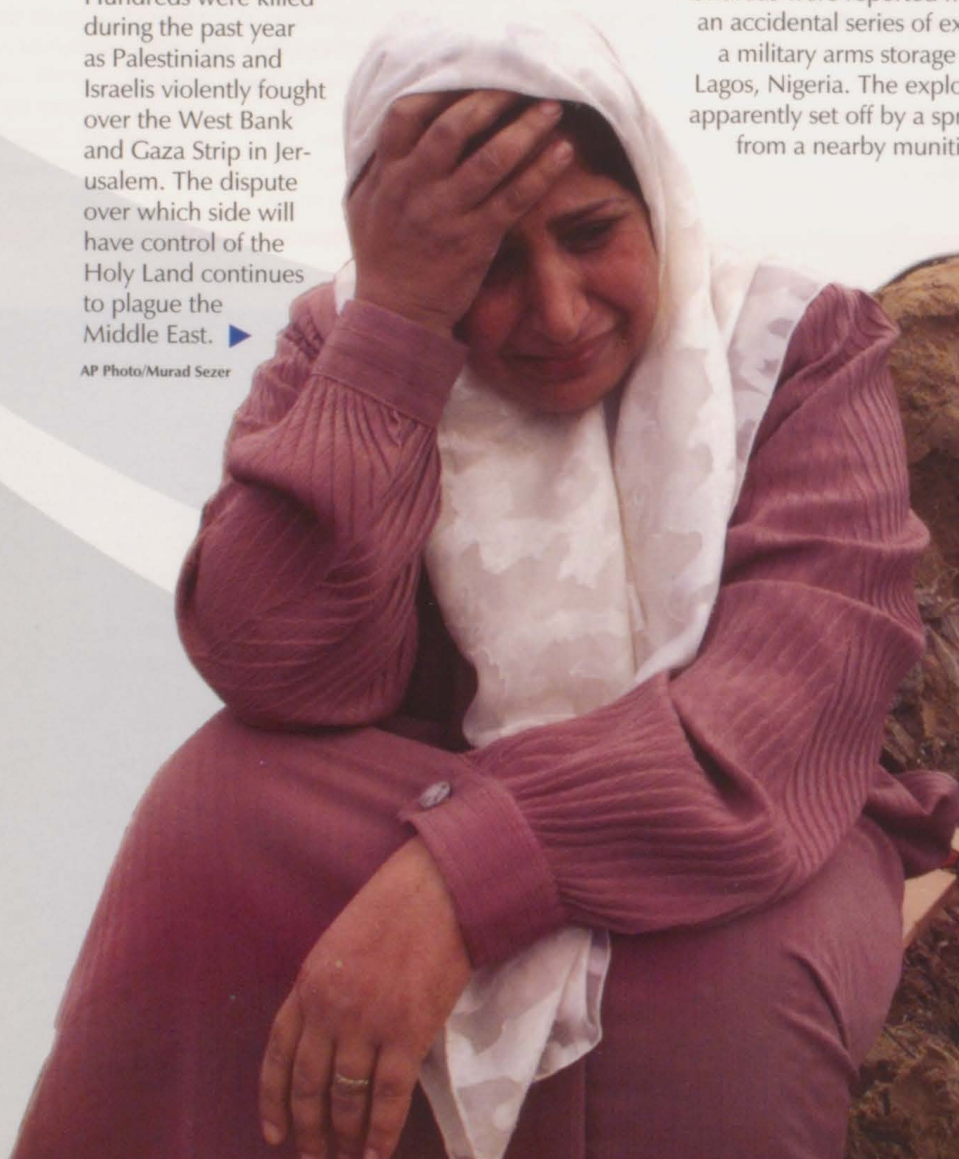
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World News

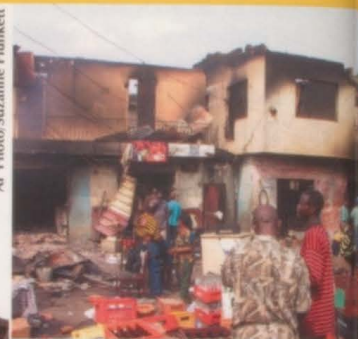
Hundreds were killed during the past year as Palestinians and Israelis violently fought over the West Bank and Gaza Strip in Jerusalem. The dispute over which side will have control of the Holy Land continues to plague the Middle East. ▶

AP Photo/Murad Sezer



More than 700 lives were lost and hundreds were reported missing after an accidental series of explosions at a military arms storage building in Lagos, Nigeria. The explosions were apparently set off by a spreading fire from a nearby munitions dump. ▶

AP Photo/Suzanne Plunkett



Beijing, China won the right to stage the 2008 summer Olympic Games, despite worldwide concern about China's human rights record. Disappointed rivals for the games included Canada, France, Turkey and Japan.

Euro notes and coins replaced the different kinds of currency previously used in 12 European Union states, including Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain, becoming Europe's first single currency.



◀ The country of Ghana (West Africa) mourned the loss of 126 people at the Accra Sports Stadium. The victims were trampled when thousands tried to escape tear gas fired by police at rowdy fans during a soccer match.



◀ Consideration is being given to amending Japanese law and allowing a female to succeed the imperial throne after Crown Princess Masako gave birth to Princess Aiko. No boys have been born into the imperial family in 36 years.



◀ Firemen in the Australian state of New South Wales battled nearly 100 bush fires that began on Christmas Day, destroying hundreds of homes.

STRANGE but TRUE

Driving Miss Crazy

Sprowston, England resident Marlene Lincoln finally passed her driver's test, and it only took her 200 lessons, 12 failures and a total expense of about \$6,800!

Can't Be Bothered with Burglars

A German couple at home watching a Formula One motor race on television was so intent on the thrilling event they did not even hear burglars who broke into their house at the same time and made off with about \$4,500 worth of jewelry.

Diplomatic Joyride

When U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell saw Australian Vince Harmer's classic 1980 Volvo 262 coupe, he just had to drive it. A known Volvo enthusiast, Powell made several phone calls to Harmer's home until Harmer agreed to hand over the keys, allowing Powell to take the cherry red Volvo "for a spin" to a state dinner.

Dad? Son!

A London taxi driver found the son he last saw 34 years ago – as a passenger in the back of his cab. Noticing they had the same surname, the passenger discovered the driver was his father, whom he had believed dead.



off the wire!

The United Nations convened a special session of the General Assembly to confront the global AIDS crisis in Africa. Leaders pledged money and research in support of a worldwide "war on AIDS."

The life of an Israeli man in need of a heart transplant was saved by an unlikely donor: a Palestinian killed in a dispute with other Israelis. Despite the two groups' violent history, the donor's father said he was willing to save a life, regardless of race or religion.

Britain's farming industry was devastated by an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, a virus affecting cloven-hoofed livestock. Tens of thousands of cows, sheep and pigs were destroyed, bringing the meat industry to a standstill.

The collapse of energy giant Enron, the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history, led to thousands of employees losing their jobs and life savings in 401(k) plans tied to the company's stock. The reputation of Arthur Andersen, Enron's auditing firm, was damaged after company officials admitted that important Enron documents were purposely destroyed. ►



AP Photo/David J. Phillips

The flashbacks were unavoidable when American Airlines Flight 587, bound for the Dominican Republic, crashed and burned in a Queens, N.Y., neighborhood, killing all 260 passengers and five people on the ground. The crash was a result of mechanical failure, not terrorism. ▼

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National News



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▲ Idaho recluse JoAnn McGuckin was arrested and charged with a felony crime of "injury to the children" after police learned she had voluntarily deprived her six children of food, cleanliness and heat. Police attempts to remove the children from their home led to a standoff in which five of the children kept authorities at bay for days with guns and dogs.



AP Photo/Paul Sancya

▲ The Ford Motor Company recalled 50,000 brand new Explorer SUVs because an assembly line conveyor belt that was too narrow for 2002 models may have cut the tire tread. Ford later announced it would cut 35,000 jobs and close five plants worldwide.



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▲ The FBI arrested eight people allegedly involved in a scheme that stole more than \$13 million worth of McDonald's prizes from games like "Monopoly" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." The criminal ring involved Simon Marketing, Inc., a company responsible for McDonald's game security.



Kansas City, Mo. pharmacist Robert Courtney was charged with diluting chemotherapy drugs. The wealthy pharmacist admitted to tampering with medications in the past to increase profits.

The oldest known pair of Levi's jeans (circa 1880s) was auctioned on eBay and purchased by Levi & Strauss Co. for a record \$46,532, the highest price ever paid for a pair of blue jeans.

AP Photo/Justin Sullivan



U.S. Congressman Gary Condit announced plans to run for reelection, despite the public calling for his resignation after he was implicated in the disappearance of 24-year-old intern Chandra Levy.

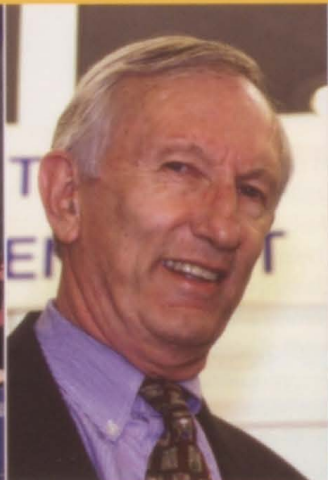
AP Photo/Ron Edmonds



The economic slowdown that began in 2000 spread throughout the economy in 2001. The Sept. 11 attacks shut down major financial markets for several days, and October saw the highest job losses in 21 years, with 415,000 positions cut. In December, the Fed cut interest rates for a record 11th time within the year.



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer



AP Photo/Center for Shark Research at Mote Marine Lab/Heather Sariego

▲ TV Producer Norman Lear purchased a 1776 original copy of the Declaration of Independence for \$8.14 million to take on a show-and-tell tour of American schools. The tour included a Fourth of July star-studded reading of the document in Philadelphia.

▲ U.S. Senator James Jeffords shook the Senate balance by switching from Republican to Democrat. His defection gave the Democrats majority control for the first time since 1995.

▲ Summer news was full of shark attack stories, beginning with the near-fatal attack on 8-year-old Mississippi native Jessie Arbogast, who had his arm surgically reattached after being bitten by a shark off the Florida Gulf Coast.

off the wire!

President Bush awarded 29 Native American "code talkers" with the Gold Congressional Medal of Honor for developing an unbreakable code that contributed to a U.S. victory in World War II.

New York governor George Pataki signed a bill into law banning the use of hand-held cellular phones while driving, making New York the first state to pass such a law.



Peer Poll

◀ Do you think it should be illegal to use cell phones while driving?

YES 30%
NO 70%

I _____ talk on my phone when driving.
(Do or Don't)

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

Michael Smith/Newsweek

The success of the bluegrass soundtrack to the Cohen Brothers' movie "O Brother Where Art Thou" led to Album of the Year and Single of the Year awards (for "I am a Man of Constant Sorrow") at the 35th Annual Country Music Awards.



AP Photo

Pop artist Fatboy Slim dominated the MTV Video Music Awards, taking six of the 21 awards, including Best Video Direction, for "Weapon of Choice," directed by Spike Jonze.



AP Photo/Matt Moyer

Country music legend Waylon Jennings, known for defining the "outlaw" movement, died at age 64 after a long battle with diabetes-related health problems. Formerly Buddy Holly's bassist, Jennings recorded 60 albums, had 16 No. 1 country singles, and yes, he was the narrator and theme song vocalist on the TV series "The Dukes of Hazard."



AP Photo/Mark Humphreys

Music

Fans and colleagues were shocked by the sudden death of 22-year-old singer/actress Aaliyah, who was killed when the small plane carrying the performer and eight others crashed in the Bahamas.

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Michael Jackson's 30th Anniversary Celebration, "The Solo Years," at New York City's Madison Square Garden, marked the King of Pop's first U.S. concert in 11 years. Jackson was named Performer of the Century during the 29th Annual American Music Awards.



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Internet music service Napster is up and running again, but this time as a subscription-based service that will allow Napster to make royalty payments to those musicians whose music is traded.

Teen-pop idols N'Sync posted the second-best debut-week sales numbers in history when they sold nearly 1.9 million copies of their 2001 album "Celebrity." Who holds the best sales record? N'Sync does, with their 2000 album "No Strings Attached," which sold 2.4 million copies.

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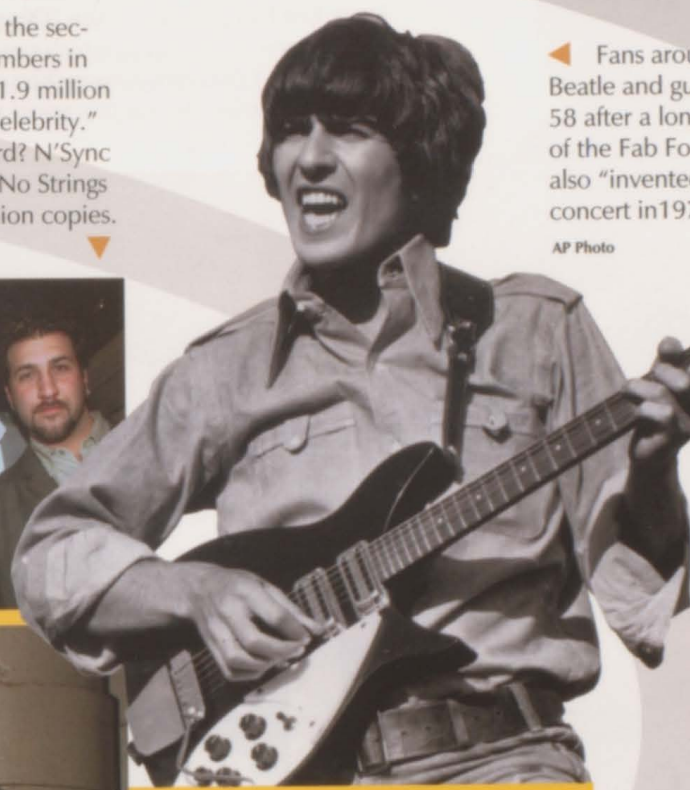
AP Photo/Louis Lanzano



AP Photo/Amy E. Conn



AP Photo/Jim Cooper



◀ Fans around the world mourned the loss of legendary Beatle and guitarist George Harrison, who died at age 58 after a long struggle with cancer. Not only a member of the Fab Four and an acclaimed solo artist, Harrison also "invented" rock philanthropy, fronting the first charity concert in 1971 to help the poor in Bangladesh.

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STRANGE but TRUE

This Little Piggy Paints

Ever since Smithfield, a 3-year-old, 150-pound pig, learned to paint (by taking a brush in his mouth and daubing non-toxic paints from various buckets onto a canvas) his work has been in high demand. Some of his pieces have sold for up to \$1,000, all of which has been donated to charity.

Toy Yodas Are Fun to Drive

A Florida waitress sued her employer after winning a contest that offered a Toyota for a prize. Instead of a car, she was blindfolded and presented with a "toy Yoda" doll, as in the wrinkled green creature of "Star Wars" fame.

Give Him a Break

An Australian man, nursing a broken leg, became a millionaire when he picked winning lottery numbers from his hospital identification bracelet.

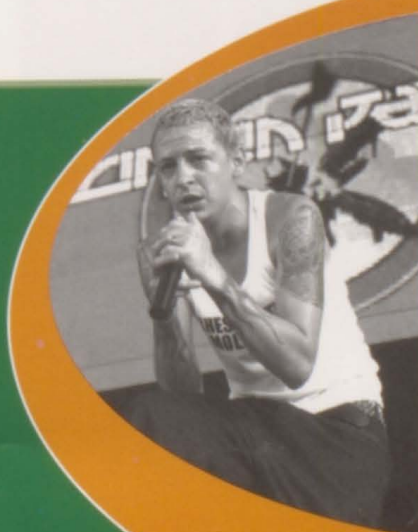
Rent it Today

In a Canadian crime spree, shoplifters hit several Blockbuster stores, but the only items they took were all 81 copies of the Sean Connery movie "Finding Forrester" and 12 copies of Adam Sandler's "Little Nicky."

off the wire!

More than 200 rap artists, music executives and lawmakers gathered in New York City for the first Hip-Hop Summit, an event organized by Def Jam Records founder Russell Simmons to clean up rap music's violent image and regulate lyrics.

Singer Joey Ramone, the front man for the Ramones, died at age 49, shortly after being hospitalized for cancer. Ramone is considered one of the the "fathers" of punk rock.



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Peer Poll

What is your favorite new album?

- ◀ 1. Linkin Park, "In the End"
- 2. Creed, "Weathered"
- 3. Ja Rule, "Pain is Love"

My favorite album:

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

Rock singer Bono was honored with a special tribute from fellow celebrities at the First Annual "Love Rocks: Celebrating The Biggest Hearts in Entertainment" Hollywood fundraiser. In his two decades as front man for the politically active rock group U2, Bono has promoted and raised money for many causes, including debt relief and AIDS awareness in the Third World.

Mark Wilson/Getty Images



Hank Ketcham, creator of the "Dennis the Menace" comic strip, which ran for 50 years in 1,000 newspapers throughout 48 countries, died at the age of 81.

AP Photo/Paul Sakuma



Singer/actress Mariah Carey was admitted to a Westchester County, N.Y., hospital after suffering what her publicist called an emotional and physical breakdown.

Anthony Harvey/Getty Images



People

Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's hamburger chain, died at age 69 of liver cancer. Unable to find a burger he liked in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio, Thomas opened his first Wendy's in 1969. Today there are more than 6,000 Wendy's restaurants.

AP Photo/Chris Kasson



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Eric Weihenmayer became the first blind man to scale Mt. Everest's 29,035-foot peak. An avid mountaineer, Weihenmayer had already climbed four of the world's seven tallest peaks before taking on Everest.

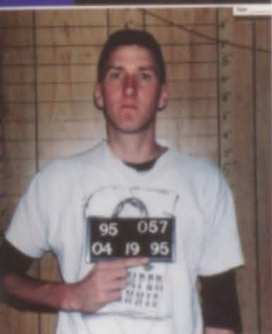
Congress awarded its highest civilian honor to "Peanuts" creator Charles Shultz, saying the comic strip characters created by the cartoonist "embodied human potential." Schultz died in 2000, and his widow Jean accepted the award in his place.

AP Photo/Dennis Cook



AP Photo/Keystone/Laurent Gilleron

Actress Angelina Jolie was appointed ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees. She will work with U.N. High Commissioner Ruud Lubbers to help bring refugee issues to the attention of young people.



AP Photo/Tile

Timothy McVeigh was put to death by lethal injection on June 11, six years after he parked a truck bomb next to an Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people.



AP Photo/Edward Sipple

Rhode Island's Brown University inaugurated Ruth J. Simmons as the new president in October. Simmons is the first black woman to lead an Ivy League University.



AP Photo/Rob Child

Cartoon legend Chuck Jones, creator of famous characters like the Road Runner and Bugs Bunny, died of heart failure at the age of 89. Jones won three Academy Awards and a Lifetime Achievement Award, and was the first inductee into the Animation Hall of Fame.



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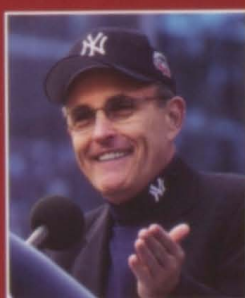
REAL HEROES

Some of the people America will most remember in 2001 and for years to come are those who risked their lives to save others during and after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.



Joe Raedle/Getty Images

As terrified crowds poured down the stairs and out of the World Trade Center towers, firefighters and police made their way in. Through rubble and darkness, they provided oxygen masks and helped people escape to safety. By nightfall on Sept. 11, the estimate of those missing or killed in the line of duty included more than 300 firefighters and at least 85 police officers.



Alex Wong/Getty Images

Outgoing New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who rallied his city after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and helped nurture its recovery, was named *Time* magazine's 2001 Person of the Year.



Dave Green/Getty Images

One of the four hijacked planes in the terrorist attack, United Airlines Flight 93, crashed near the woods of Shanksville, Pa. The FBI believes the plane was intended for another strategic target (possibly the White House) and that some of the passengers, including Thomas Burnett and Jeremy Glick, battled with the hijackers in the final moments before the plane crashed. Both Burnett and Glick had phoned family members and spoke of a plan to foil the hijackers. "We are all going to die," Burnett reportedly told his wife minutes before the crash, "but a group of us is going to do something about it."



AP Photo/Micheal Dwyer

Thousands of American Red Cross volunteers across the country came to the aid of Sept. 11 attack victims, raising money and collecting blood donations. The Red Cross set up the Liberty Fund which collected approximately \$500 million intended to help victims and the families of those who died or were reported missing after Sept. 11.

At \$2 billion, the **2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah** were the most expensive winter games ever. But despite beefed-up security and underlying worry over terrorist acts, this year's games, themed **"Light the Fire Within,"** burned strong with patriotism, pride and amazing athletic performances.



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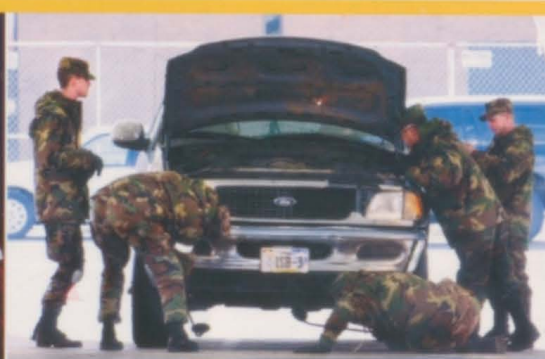
Snowboarding became an official Olympic sport for the first time this year, and the U.S. swept the competition. Ross Powers, Danny Kass and Jarret Thomas took the gold, silver and bronze in the men's halfpipe (giving the U.S. its first Winter Olympics medals sweep in 46 years). American Kelly Clark also took the gold in the women's halfpipe.

Salt Lake 2002



AP Photo/Amy Sancetta

▲ In a decision that sparked shock and controversy, Russian ice skating pair Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze won the gold over Canadian skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, despite a flawless performance by the Canadian pair. The issue was investigated, leading to the suspension of French figure skating judge Marie-Reine Le Gougne, who was charged with misconduct, and the highly unusual awarding of a second gold medal to Sale and Pelletier. The Russians kept their gold as well.



AP Photo/Douglas C. Pizac

▲ Security measures at the winter games were at an all-time high in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. Visitors were scanned with metal detectors, and all vehicles were detained and searched before entering. Surveillance cameras watched entrances, exits, highways and parking lots, while sensors monitored local food, air and water supplies for chemical and biological toxins.



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

▲ American Derek Parra got the gold and set a new world record in the men's 1500 meter speedskating event, finishing in 1:43.95, more than a second faster than the previous record of 1:45.20, held by South Korea's Lee Kyu-hyuk.

The journey of the Olympic Torch across the country had a special twist this year. A group of 100 specially chosen torchbearers, survivors of Sept. 11 terrorist attack victims, carried the flame through the three areas hit by the attacks (New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania).

Italian Armin Zoeggeler became the first man in 12 years to defeat German Georg Hackl in an Olympic luge competition, with a finish time of 2:57.941. Aiming to make history by winning four straight gold medals at the winter Olympics, Hackl took the silver instead, finishing at 2:58.70.

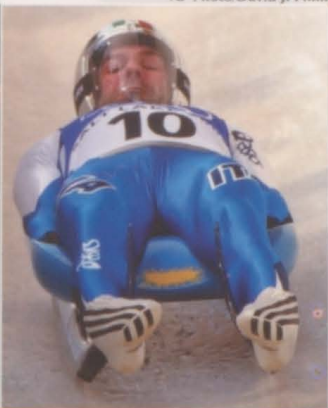


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As the American national anthem played, an honor guard including U.S. athletes, firefighters and police officers carried the tattered U.S. flag found at New York City's Ground Zero into the Olympic opening ceremony. The flag was named the official U.S. flag for the winter games.

The Germans rocked the biathlon, earning nine of their 35 total medals by medaling in every event, taking the gold in the women's 15 km individual, women's 4x7.5 km relay and women's 7.5 km sprint.

The U.S. bobsled team of Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers won the inaugural women's Olympic bobsled race with a two-run time of 1:37.76. Flowers became the first African American athlete to ever win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

Jim Shea captured the gold for the U.S. in the men's skeleton with a time of 1:41.96, and made his family the first to produce three generations of American Olympians. Shea's grandfather, Jack, won two speed skating golds at the 1932 Lake Placid Games and Shea's father, James, competed in three nordic events at the 1964 Innsbruck Games.

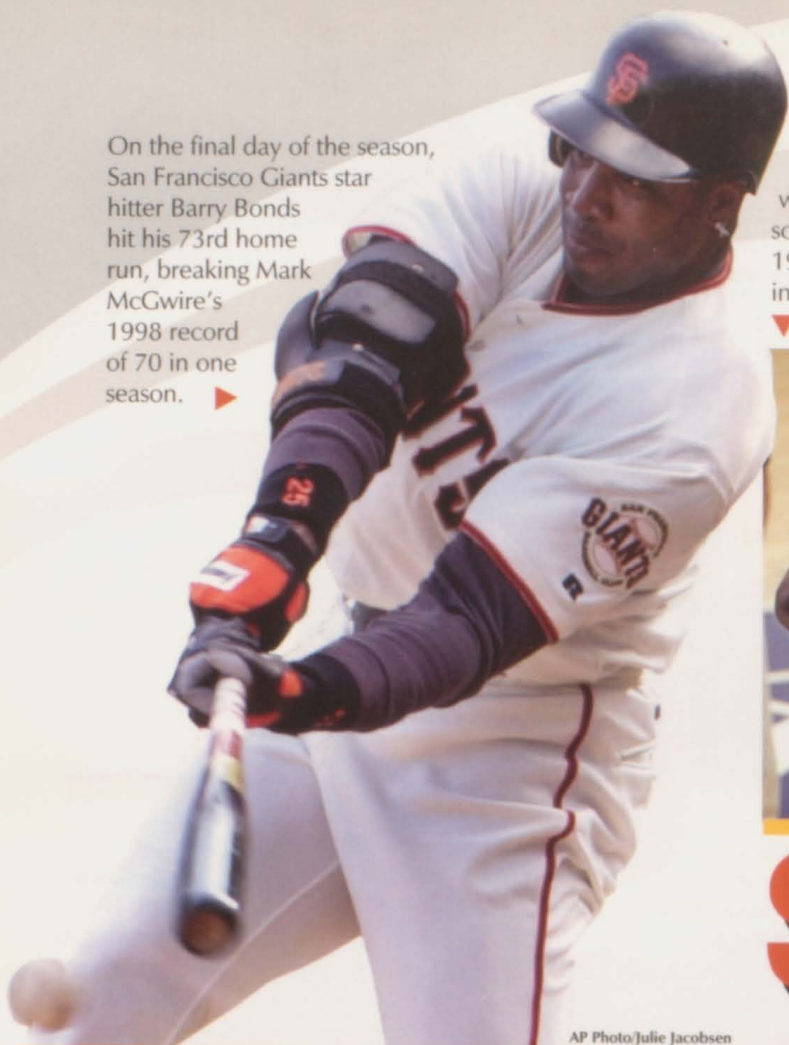
In a surprise victory, U.S. figure skater Sarah Hughes outdid Olympic gold medal favorite Michelle Kwan in the ladies' free skate. The 16-year-old performed the most difficult program with seven triple jumps (five in combination) and did it flawlessly, taking the gold in one of the biggest upsets in Olympic figure skating history.

MEDAL COUNT

Top Five Countries

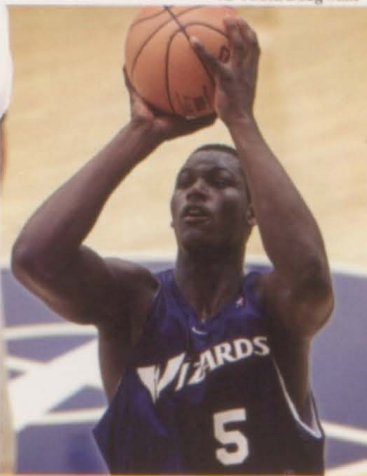
	Germany	United States	Norway	Canada	Austria
Gold	12	10	11	6	2
Silver	16	13	7	3	4
Bronze	7	11	6	8	10
Total	35	34	24	17	16

On the final day of the season, San Francisco Giants star hitter Barry Bonds hit his 73rd home run, breaking Mark McGwire's 1998 record of 70 in one season. ▶



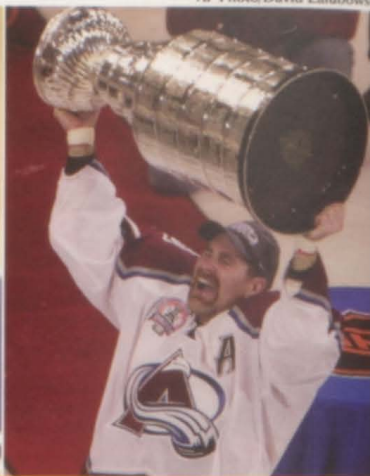
AP Photo/Julie Jacobsen

For the first time, the No. 1 choice of the NBA draft was picked while still a high school senior. Kwame Brown, 19, was drafted by the Washington Wizards.



AP Photo/Doug Mills

After 20 previous playoff losses, Colorado Avalanche defenseman Ray Bourque finally got his hands on the Stanley Cup when the Avalanche beat the New Jersey Devils, 3-1, in game seven of the finals. Shortly after the victory, Bourque announced his retirement from hockey.



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Sports

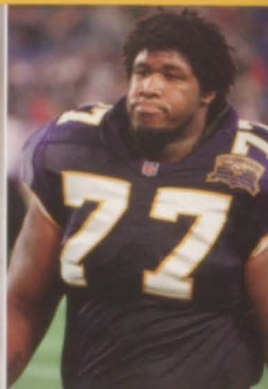
As a backup kicker for Alabama's Jacksonville State University, 20-year-old Ashley Martin kicked her way into college football history as the first woman to play, and score, in an NCAA Division 1 game. ▶



AP Photo/Dave Martin



AP Photo/Chris Gardner



AP Photo/File, Tom Olmsch

▲ Little League Baseball officials ordered the Bronx all-star team to forfeit all wins after it was discovered the squad's star pitcher, Danny Almonte, was 14, two years beyond the Little League age limit. Almonte's birth information had been falsified by his father.

▲ The football community mourned the sudden death of Minnesota Vikings' lineman Korey Stringer, who died from heatstroke during an intense practice at the team's training facility. His death caused coaches and athletes everywhere to consider the dangers of heat exhaustion and harsh practice sessions.

Peer Poll

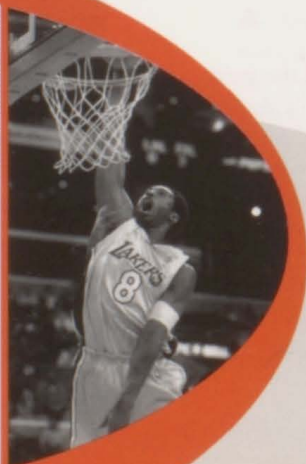
Who was the year's most noteworthy sports figure?

1. Michael Jordan
2. Barry Bonds
3. Kobe Bryant ▶

My personal "MVP"

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

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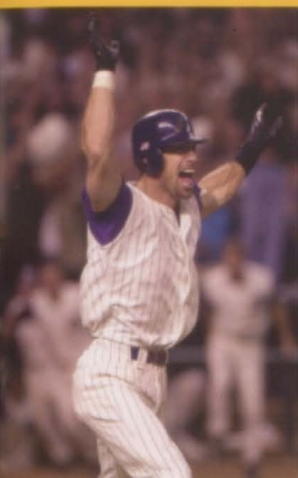
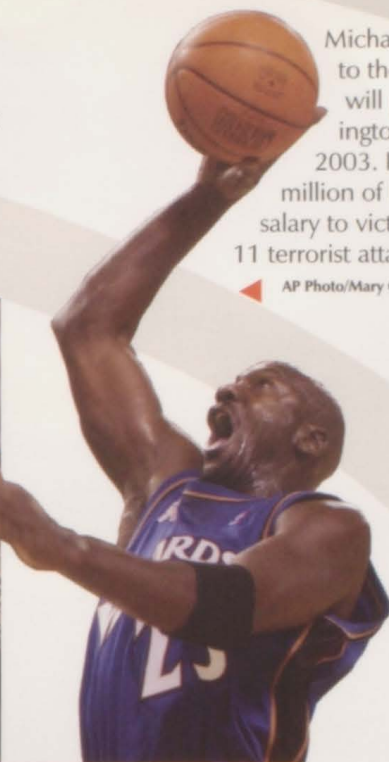
The U.S. Open women's final saw the first pairing of sisters (Venus and Serena Williams) since 1983, and the first all African-American final. Venus defended her title by beating Serena, 6-2, 6-4.

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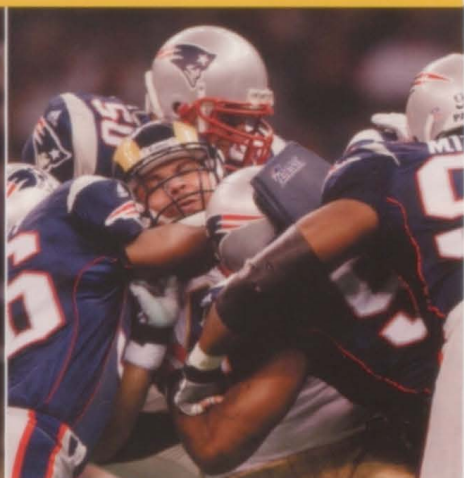


Michael Jordan returned to the NBA, where he will play for the Washington Wizards through 2003. He pledged \$1 million of his first year's salary to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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▲ Thanks to an RBI single by Luis Gonzalez at the bottom of the ninth during game seven of the World Series, the Arizona Diamondbacks won their first championship, beating the New York Yankees, 3-2.

▲ Football fans watched a close Super Bowl XXXVI game when the "underdog" New England Patriots beat the St. Louis Rams, 20-17, with a last second, 48-yard field goal. The win was the Patriots' first after three trips to the NFL title game.



off the wire!

After 16 seasons and 583 home runs, super-slugger Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals announced his retirement from baseball.

Despite their defeat at the hands of Colorado, the Nebraska Cornhuskers were the controversial choice to play the Miami Hurricanes for the national championship in college football's 2002 Rose Bowl. Miami beat Nebraska, 37-14.

"Iron Man" Cal Ripken announced his retirement at the end of the 2001 baseball season. The 20-year Baltimore Orioles veteran is one of seven baseball players with more than 400 homers and 3,000 hits.

STRANGE but TRUE

Midnight Snack

An Albuquerque policeman and his pilot faced disciplinary measures after using a police helicopter to land next to a Krispy Kreme doughnut store, where they ran in, grabbed a dozen, and took off again.

Lobster Spared

A head chef in London's elite Mayfair district spared the life of Barney, a giant lobster thought to be one of the largest lobsters caught in Europe. The chef said he could not bring himself to sacrifice such a beautiful lobster, and Barney was escorted back into the ocean by a diver from a local aquarium.

Duck, Duck...Cop

When a family of ducklings fell through a Vancouver sewer grate, their mother waddled over and persistently grabbed the leg of a nearby policeman until he followed her to the sewer. The babies were discovered and lifted to safety in a vegetable strainer.

Saved by the Phone

Britain's Royal Air Force saved the life of a missing climber trapped on a remote Welsh hillside by sending him a text message on his mobile phone. The injured climber picked up the message, and directed a rescue helicopter toward him.



Dreamworks Pictures' animated "Shrek" and Disney/Pixar's "Monsters, Inc." were hits with humor appealing to kids and adults alike. Both films were nominees for the new Academy Award category of Best Animated Feature Film.

◀ Dreamworks Pictures

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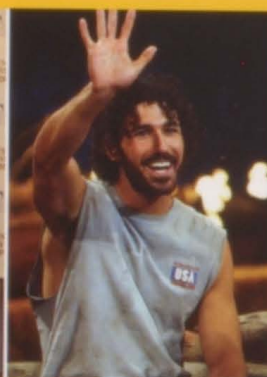


Entertainment



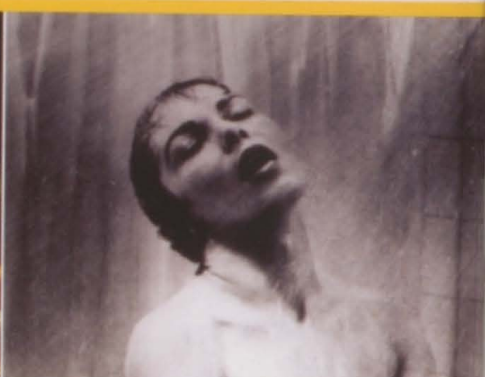
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▲ NBC's "The West Wing" won best drama series of the year and swept the 53rd Annual Prime Time Emmy Awards for the second year in a row with eight Emmys. The Emmy Awards were postponed twice because of the Sept. 11 attacks.



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▲ Ethan Zohn, a 27-year-old New Yorker, took the \$1 million prize in the third season of reality TV series "Survivor." This year's challenge took place in Africa.



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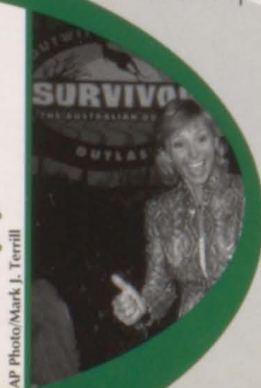
Peer Poll

Do you watch reality-based TV shows like "Survivor?"

- a. Always. Tina Wesson won "Survivor 2." 10%
- b. Once in a while 62.5%
- c. Nope. What is "Survivor?" 27.5%

My favorite TV show:

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)



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The popular teen drama "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" switched from the WB television network to rival network UPN, making television history as the first time a hit series jumped networks solely over economic issues.

Eagerly-awaited films based on old (and not so old) favorites included "Planet of the Apes," "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and "Lord of the Rings." After opening weekends, "Potter" grossed the most with a record \$93.5 million, and "Lord of the Rings" was nominated for 13 Academy Awards, the second highest in Oscar history.

Oscar-winning actor Jack Lemmon, most well-known for his roles in the 1968 "The Odd Couple" movie and the "Grumpy Old Men" movies, died at age 76.

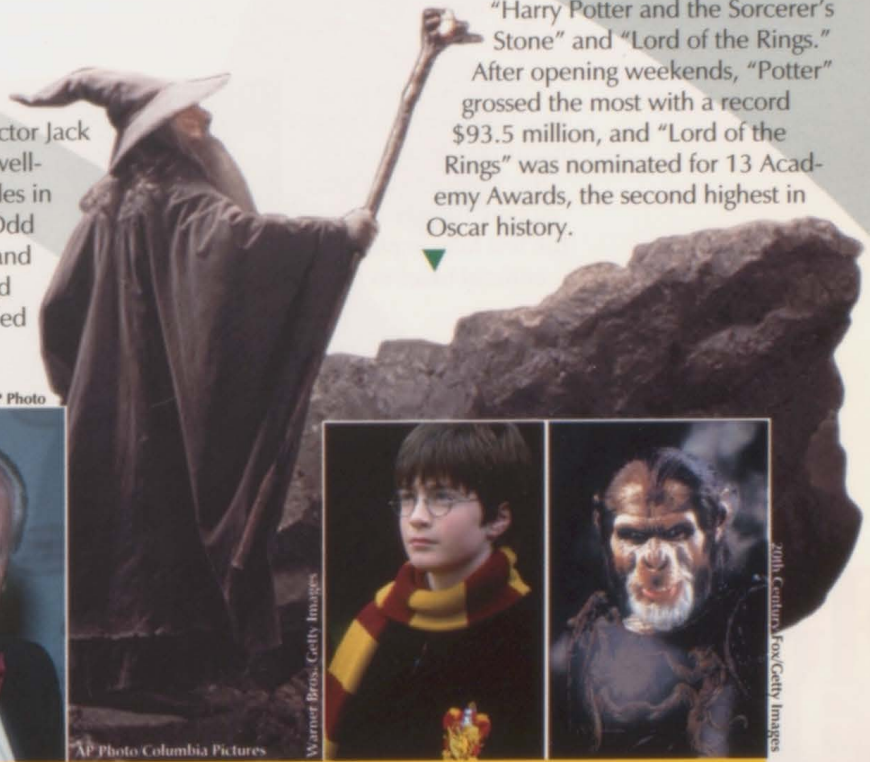
Mel Brooks' Broadway musical "The Producers" took home a record 12 Tony awards in 2001, beating the record of 10 set in 1964 by "Hello, Dolly."

Famed for his role as the sardonic Archie Bunker on "All in the Family," actor Carol O'Connor died of a heart attack at age 76.

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Director Ron Howard's "A Beautiful Mind," won best drama, best actor (Russell Crowe), best supporting actress (Jennifer Connelly), and best screenplay at the 59th Annual Golden Globe Awards, and was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including Best Film of the Year.



Berliner Studio/BEI

The 1960 Alfred Hitchcock film "Psycho" topped the American Film Institute's list of the 100 most thrilling American Movies. "Jaws" and "The Exorcist" took second and third place.



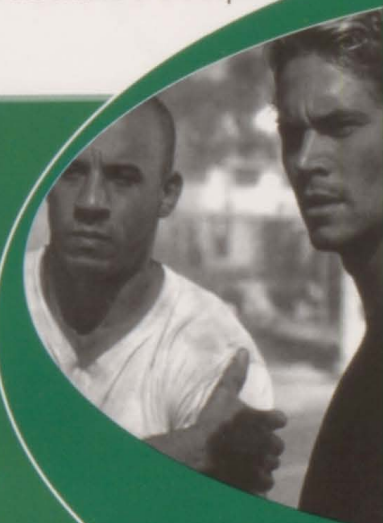
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More than 30 television networks along with 8,000 radio stations and Internet sites across the country simultaneously broadcast the live special "America: A Tribute to Heroes." The show was a two-hour, star-studded telethon that raised more than \$150 million for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

off the wire!

The fashion magazine "Mademoiselle," first published in 1935, went out of business, citing financial problems which were made worse by the Sept. 11 attacks.

Fans bid farewell to the Emmy-winning sci-fi series "The X-Files," which ended its nine-season run on Fox television network.



Universal Studios/Getty Images

Peer Poll

What was your favorite movie this year?

1. The Fast and the Furious
2. Lord of the Rings
3. Pearl Harbor

My favorite movie:

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

Advanced Cell Technology President and CEO Michael West announced the company was the first in the U.S. to successfully clone a human embryo for the purpose of mining stem cells. Throughout the year, the controversy over the ethics of stem cell usage, a process which may help scientists treat serious diseases, has grown because the cells are taken from human embryos, causing the embryo to be destroyed. ▼

Advanced Cell Technology/Getty Images



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The AbioCor artificial heart was named *Time* magazine's Invention of the Year. 59-year-old Robert Tools received the first fully implanted artificial heart in July. ▶



AP Photo/Mikhail Metzel

U.S. multimillionaire Dennis Tito became history's first space tourist when he paid \$20 million to travel with two Russian cosmonauts to the International Space Station. ▼

Science and Technology

Inventor Dean Kamen unveiled the Segway HT, the first self-balancing, battery-powered human transporter. The device, which travels at a top speed of 12 miles per hour, uses gyroscopes to keep it upright. Direction is controlled by the rider's shifting weight. ▶

XM Satellite Radio hit the nation's airwaves in September. XM offers 100 channels of music and talk, with limited advertising on the various channels. Programming is broadcast to satellites in space, which send it to radio receivers. ◀



XM Satellite Radio

University of Connecticut Professor Jerry Yang, who cloned the first mammal in the U.S. (a cat, the calf) cloned a new animal – a cat that will not cause allergic reactions in humans.

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NASA's Mars Odyssey was the first spacecraft to successfully reach Mars since two spacecraft were lost in 1999. The \$300 million, 1.7-ton ship was designed to search for water, map surface minerals and measure radiation levels on Mars, possibly providing clues about extraterrestrial life.

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▲ The first total solar eclipse of the millennium created a spectacle of darks and lights over central Africa, where crowds of astronomers and onlookers assembled to watch the event.

STRANGE but TRUE

Tip of a Lifetime

Waitress and struggling single mother of two Colleen Gallagher was given an \$11,000 tip by John Boc, chief executive of Meridian Investments, Inc. at Chicago's Excalibur Club where she worked.

Whiz Kid

California high school senior Trevor Loflin scored a perfect 1600 on his SAT despite the handicap of having lived the past three years with his mother and sisters in the back of their Chevy Suburban.

Homer's Odyssey

The Oxford English Dictionary, which traces the coining of words, has credited cartoon dad Homer Simpson with popularizing, if not inventing, his trademark "d'oh," which the OED defines as "expressing frustration at the realization things have turned out badly or that one has said or done something foolish."

Strange Brew

NASA announced plans to send unmanned solar-powered aircraft over Hawaiian coffee plantations to monitor the optimum times for growers to pick beans for the most flavorful brew.



off the wire!

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Gleevec, a breakthrough cancer-fighting drug which, unlike traditional cancer therapies, attacks only cancer cells without also harming healthy cells.

Cyborgs, creatures that are half machine and half animal, are no longer science fiction. Researchers in Chicago fused the brain of a lamprey eel with a small robot. The eel's brain finds light, then directs the robot's wheels to move toward it.

Paleontologists found the oldest-known dinosaur fossils in Brazil. The fossils date back to the Triassic period (approximately 210 million years ago), when dinosaurs were first developing, and may provide clues about how they evolved.

Nice and Trim
Coats and long cardigan sweaters with loads of fluffy trim kept bodies feeling warm and looking cool. ▶



Jennifer Graylock/Fashion Wire Daily

Everyone's Talking

People really got into text messaging, a service that allows cell phone users to send and receive short text messages on their phone screens.



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Run to the Bank

Athletic shoes, such as Nike's Air Kukini and Shox R4, got pretty funky (and pretty expensive) with prices ranging from \$90 to \$150.



Nike

Bedhead

Popularized by stars like Halle Berry, a cool look for locks on both girls and guys was the textured "short & messy" do, making hair pomade a "must have" accessory.



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Purple Passion

Purple was the shade for fall; not in clothes or makeup, but in ketchup. Heinz released its latest EZ Squirt ketchup – Funky Purple – just in case you were bored with Blazin' Green or plain, old-fashioned red. ▶



Heinz

Trends

Body Crystals

From small abstract designs to full body coverage, tiny adhesive body crystals were a favorite.



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We've Come A Long Way

The newest video game system, Microsoft's Xbox, was released in time for the holidays, competing with the Nintendo GameCube, and of course, Sony's PlayStation and PlayStation 2. Of all the systems, Xbox is the only one with a built-in hard drive and plug for high-speed Internet access.

An Apple A Day... ▶

Apple Computer spun out some sleek new items that turned heads, like the new iMac (the fastest ever, with CD and DVD burning capabilities), and the iPod MP3 player, the first to bundle a 1,000 song capacity and 10-hour battery into a pocket-sized pack.



Apple Computer, Inc.

All-American

In a patriotic response to America's war on terrorism, people across the country made the American flag one of the year's most popular symbols. From T-shirts to postage stamps, Old Glory dominated yards, cars and bodies everywhere.

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Peer Poll

Where do you most like to shop for clothes?

1. American Eagle Outfitters
- ▶ 2. Old Navy
3. Abercrombie & Fitch

My favorite fashion trend:

(Survey results compiled from the responses of 2000 students across the U.S.)

